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EDITOR'S PAGE

As is obvious from its appearance, this year's Patrician has undergone many changes. The aim of these changes has been to make The Patrician more interesting to all members of the Regiment. Financial pressures have forced us to severely restrict the size of the publication and to omit some familiar features. However, the Newsletter will be expanded to include as many of the omitted features as possible.

This edition of the Patrician contains a variety of different and interesting articles. The photo-essays of First and Third Battalions provide a much better description of the present-day Infantryman's life than mere words. Second Battalion's article will certainly bring back vivid memories to those of us fortunate enough to have been a part of their magnificent Kapyong celebrations. Colonel Stone's letter and the photographs of the PPCLI Memorial at Kapyong serve as a reminder that, even after 25 years, the heroism and self-sacrifice of those who served in Korea is still vividly remembered. Major Dick Patterson's story on the award of the first Korean Student Bursary is a tribute to those who generously supported this worthwhile project. As the Editor, I have taken the liberty of reprinting Major General Spry's article entitled "The History of the Colonel of the Regiment" as a reminder to us all that the Colonel of the Regiment is no mere figurehead, but a leader actively involved in all aspects of our Regimental Life. Finally I have taken the liberty of publishing excerpts from letters written by 599 Maddison, H.P. These reminiscences of the early days in World War One have a timeless value and are as pertinent today as they were then.

Although our articles cover the spectrum of the Regiment's history, we still have not achieved our aim for the Patrician. The Patrician is in fact an unofficial history of the Regiment. It is a place to record the present activities of the Regular portion of the Regiment and also a place for the personal recollections of those who performed the deeds recorded in the official volumes of the Regimental History. It is also a place where the anecdotes and incidents which have had their role in shaping the character of the Regiment can be recorded. To the Originals and other veterans of the Great War whose contributions have appeared regularly in the Patrician and the Newsletter, I extend my thanks.

To those who have followed, especially the veterans of the Second World War and Korea, I can only urge you to again follow the examples of our predecessors and give all Patricias the benefit of your experiences.

The Regimental Museum continues to prosper and to increase its already high reputation. The Museum has now been incorporated under the aegis of The Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund and is therefore recognized by the Federal Government as a charitable organization. Contributions to the museum will now be acknowledged in the Regimental Newsletter and receipts suitable for income tax purposes will be issued to all future donors. Once again our biggest weakness in the museum is a lack of artifacts and photographs of the Second World War and Korean War periods, and all contributions from those periods would be particularly welcome.

I again remind all persons concerned that commencing with this issue, the Patrician will be published annually on 30 November, and that contributions are due in Regimental Headquarters by 15 September.

MESSAGE FROM THE COLONEL OF THE REGIMENT



Major General C.B. Ware DSO CD

This new format is the result of very serious study concerning the future of The Patrician. Representatives of all ranks of the Regiment and the Regimental Association have devoted much time and effort to the project and I should like to thank them all. I properly would make special mention of the members of the Patrician Review and The Ways and Means Committee who, ably chaired by Major Grey and the Vice-Patron of the Association, Brig-Gen J. A. de Lalanne, produced the major recommendations which have been acted upon this year.

As with so many publications, inflation and steeply rising costs have hit The Patrician heavily. However, the survival of our Regimental Journal has been adjudged to be non-negotiable. It will record, annually, the highlights of our on going endeavours and the men who shall make history. The continued success of the Journal depends less on finances than on its ability to adequately record those highlights in a manner which is meaningful to our young soldiers and veterans alike.

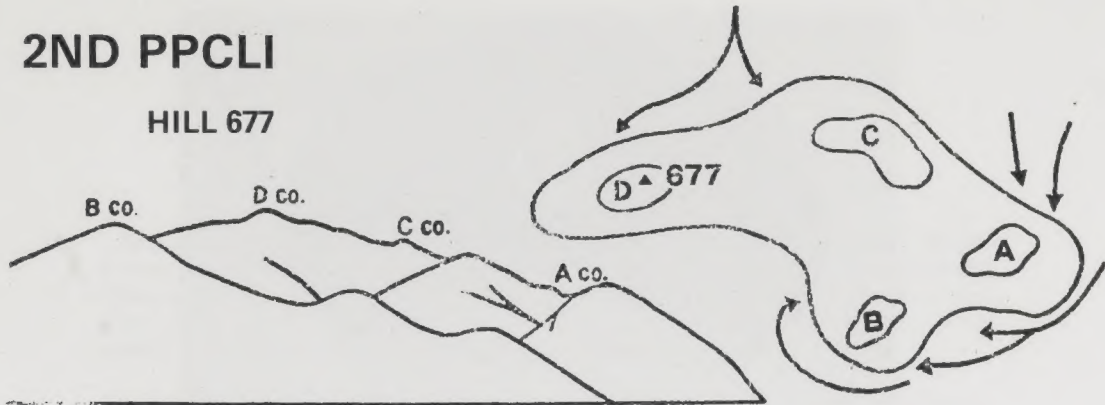
This is the object, and the literary contributions and other support of both serving men and Association members are required as never before. This support, I am certain, shall be forthcoming in full measure and I am sure that The Patrician shall go forward with renewed vigour and strength and continue to play its strong part in our Regimental Life.

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of
A BATTLE MONUMENT
for

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN

LIGHT INFANTRY

AT

Naechon, Korea

Friday, November 7, 1975

On the following pages is an open letter, submitted by Colonel J. R. Stone, DSO, MC, CD, on his return from Korea and the unveiling of the battle Monument at Naechon, Korea immediately adjacent to where the Battle of Kapyong took place.

We wish to congratulate the Colonel, on behalf of all Patricias, for a most comprehensive report of his trip. Further, we wish to extend to him and his wife our sincerest thanks for having been our representatives on this most auspicious occasion. Not only as representatives of the Regiment, but of Canada as well.

We would also wish to congratulate all those who kindly contributed towards the Korean Student Bursary Fund. Our target has been reached, and the first bursary has already been awarded. Although we have reached our goal, anyone wishing to donate may still do so. If we can obtain just a few more donations we will be able to offer two Bursaries per year.

"Esther and I returned home, intact, on November 12th. We are full of memories of a wonderful trip to Korea, made possible by the generosity of the Korean authorities and the Trustees of Regimental Fund of PPCLI.

On arrival in Korea we were met by MAJOR DICK PATTERSON and several prominent Korean citizens. The day's schedule was very tight and included an official call on His Excellency the CANADIAN AMBASSADOR and then to the headquarters of the UNITED NATIONS KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION. I had conferred on me several impressive honours including the Korean Service Veterans Medal, a large decoration to be worn something like the Order of the Garter, scrolls designating me "Ambassador for Peace", "Honorary Member of the Korean Veterans Association" and a framed metal plaque, beautifully badged, recognizing my contribution "to the cause of freedom" in Korea. Esther received a lovely vase, lacquered and inlaid with mother-of-pearl. UNKWAA then hosted a fantastic luncheon and we retired to our hotel full of "Booze" and food.

That night we dined at the CANADIAN EMBASSY with H.E. MR. J. STILES and his charming wife. DICK PATTERSON and KATHY (charming and beautiful) were in the party, several prominent Koreans and their ladies plus members of the Embassy Staff. MR. STILES is an excellent representative of Canada and a good host. He is aided and abetted by a charming chatelaine in the person of MRS. STILES. DICK and KATHY PATTERSON drove us home, quite fatigued after 17 hours of flying and a very full day.

We first visited the COMMONWEALTH MEMORIAL, an impressive structure dedicated to the honour of the men of the several nations of the BRITISH COMMONWEALTH who fought in the Korean War.

THE AMBASSADOR, his wife and several members of the Embassy staff attended with us. Then on to NAECHON, the village near which the REGIMENTAL MEMORIAL is located. There was a tremendous crowd in attendance and, before the ceremony started, a "Gaggle" of General Officers, such as I have never seen before, joined the assembly."

Wreath laying followed the speeches in this order:

The Honourable Suh Jyong Chul
Minister of National Defence

Lt Gen John J. Burns USAF
Deputy Commander, United Nations Command

Lt Gen Il-Hwan Kim (retd.)
Chairman, UNKWAA

Admiral Lee Maeng Kee (retd.)
President, Korean War Veterans Association

Mr. Jwah-Kyum Kim
President, Korean National Tourism Corporation

Governor Cho Byung Kyu
Governor, Kyonggi-Do Province

General Lee Sae Ho
Chief of Staff, ROK Army

Lt Gen Kim Chong Hwan
Commanding General, Troka

Mr. Kim Tae Soo
County Chief, Kapyong-Gun

Brigadier Kenneth Neely MBE
Defence Attache, British Army

Mr. Kim Yong Wan
President, Federation of Korean Industries

Community Representative
Kapyong-Gun

Mr. Donald Thompson
DVA, Canada

Colonel J. R. Stone DSO MC CD
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

In attendance also were many prominent Korean Citizens, a local High School band, a girls' choir and many local villagers. Their Excellencies THE AMBASSADOR FOR CANADA, THE AMBASSADOR FOR AUSTRALIA, THE AMBASSADOR FOR INDIA, THE AMBASSADOR FOR N.Z., AND THE BRITISH CHARGE D'AFFAIRES honoured the ceremony with their presence. The whole affair was most impressive and the man responsible for most of the arranging was MR. KAP-CHONG CHI. He was also Master of Ceremonies and did an outstanding job.

At the ceremony I met JO KIM who will be remembered by many Patricia's as our ROK Liaison Officer and interpreter. What a lovely man! We exchanged many memories and he invited me, with ESTHER and DICK and KATHY PATTERSON to dine with him. Jo is now a very prosperous business man who travels extensively in Europe.

After the ceremony we joined the Embassy staff in a picnic in a chestnut grove on the other side of the Kapyong River. Before leaving my account of the Kapyong ceremony, I must say that I had a hard time getting oriented. Suddenly the terrain became familiar and I could recall the deployment of the Battalion on the ground. I had not time to explore but I did see the track which we used to get the Battalion HQ vehicles and the Mortar half-tracks into the re-entrant from which we had that beautiful "shoot-up" of Chinese Forces in the early hours of April 25, 1951. I hope that LLOYD HILL reads this. He will have vivid memories.

That night we were the guests of the KOREAN NATIONAL TOURISM CORPORATION. After a wonderful meal we saw one of the greatest night club shows that it has been my pleasure to witness. The Dances were mostly Korean Folk Dances, speeded up for night club audiences but the girls were out of this world. Oh to be twenty five and have a harem full of them. If any of your readers visit Korea, "Walker Hill" is a must.

On November 8th we flew to PUSAN and visited the Commonwealth Cemetery. I took a photograph of the headstone of RSM JAMES WOODS. If it turns out well I will send a print for his widow. The cemetery is well located beautifully kept and is well worth a visit. PUSAN has changed out of all recognition. It does not even smell the same as it did in 1950.

We returned to Seoul and were taken to dinner in the private dining room of a Korean restaurant where we dined Korean style. Wonderful food, mine made all the tastier by the ministrations of a beautiful Kaesong girl, the Korean equivalent of the Japanese geisha. My thoughts were forty years younger than my body.

On Sunday we went to a memorial service in the crypt of the Anglican Cathedral. We lunched at the United Nations mess, did some shopping in the afternoon and returned to the Mess for dinner and a movie.

On Monday, November 10th, DICK PATTERSON, DON THOMPSON (DVA), DON COLLIER (Canadian Embassy) and I drove to Panjumong. As you know it is the Armistice site of the Korean War. It is manned by both North Korea and the United Nations, with a camp of Swiss and Polish observers in their midst. There is absolutely no fraternizing between sides and the Communists have been the instigators for two or three very ugly incidents. The Americans on duty there impressed me as being among the smartest troops that I have ever seen. We were briefed by a member of the JSA staff and taken by UN vehicle to the site of the Armistice. The North Korean guards look surly and are untidy but the US troops make me glad that they are on our side. On our return to Seoul we did some shopping, then on to the hotel to clean up for dinner. JO KIM and his wife BONA were our hosts that evening. A wonderful meal in a truly Korean domestic environment. A beautiful house, excellently decorated and furnished, exotic food admirably presented, made this one of the memorable evenings of our lives.

On November 11th, DICK PATTERSON, his assistant SERGEANT MacISAAC, MAJOR J. HARRIS, BRITISH ARMY, A ROYAL ENGINEER CORPORAL with a REME SERGEANT for a driver and I headed for the demilitarized zone in a British Army Land Rover. Once we left the paved roads and took to the hills it was "my Korea" without much change except for the absence of crowds of vehicles and the Korean porters and no shelling. We twisted along tracks up and down hill and viewed from several OPs the demarkation fences and the demilitarized zone. Pheasants abound for no guns are allowed to be fired in the zone. 355 (Little Gibraltar), 159, 225, 166, the Hook and various other hills that we blessed or cursed in 1951 were readily identified perhaps because I had DICK PATTERSON with me who is an excellent map reader among his other attributes. It was a most interesting trip although quite tiring to a decrepit old "sod" like me. We crossed the Imjin going north over "Teal" bridge and made a side trip to the site of "Pintail". The return trip through Uijombu was an eye-opener; new shops on both sides of the road and a rapidly expanding city that will soon be joined with Seoul. We left Korea at 2230 hours, ministered right up to the last minute by DICK PATTERSON. At Los Angeles we were met by MR GUN RHA, assistant director of the Korean National Tourism Corporation in Los Angeles, who had kindly arranged for accommodation for the night. On November 12th, CPA took us to Vancouver and PWA to Victoria where a car arranged by MAJOR BOB BURNS met us and took us home.

I brought back with me a rock from the Kapyong River which, in time, I hope to make into a miniature replica of the Kapyong monument. I will present it to the museum when it is finished.

I reiterate my gratitude to the various Korean Agencies who were so generous and kind to my wife and me; to DICK and KATHY PATTERSON; and to the trustees of the PPCLI Regimental Fund which paid our expenses to Los Angeles and back.

*Address by Col J. R. Stone, DSO and Bar, MC, CD, Ret'd.
Representing the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry at the
Unveiling and Dedication Ceremony of the Battle Monument at
Naechon, Kapyong, Korea at 11:00 A.M. November 7, 1975.*

Your Excellency, General Kim, General Stilwell, Honoured Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Almost 25 years ago, I, with my battalion, 2nd Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, fought on that hill, helping to stem the advance of the Communist Forces from the north then outflanking the defences of Seoul. My battalion and indeed all of Canada is thankful and proud that we have been remembered and honoured by this monument that has just been unveiled. In Korea, in 1950, the United Nations demonstrated that they were prepared to use force to uphold the ideals for which the UN was founded. None fought harder and sacrificed more than the Korean people themselves. Therefore this monument not only commemorates the part played by the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry but that of all the United Nations forces with a special mention for the Koreans themselves.

Through the liaison established between Mr. Chi and my regiment, and the kindness and generosity of the Government of the Republic of Korea, my wife and I were brought out of retirement to enjoy not only the great upsurge of pride in taking part in this ceremony but also giving us an opportunity to view and enjoy modern Korea. May I say how much I marvel at what has been done in the past 25 years.

I should like to thank the United Nations Korean War Allies Association and the citizens of Kapyong-Gun for erecting this beautiful monument. It is a wonderful gesture and one which my regiment appreciates. We wish to show our appreciation in some small way. In consultation with Mr. Chi it was decided that we could best re-

ciprocate with a living memorial. I am happy to announce that the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry are sponsoring a scholarship to be awarded annually to a deserving scholar from this district. The first award will be made in March 1976 and from then on, I hope, into perpetuity. In this manner the ties between my regiment and the people of this community will be there long after I and the rest assembled here have passed on into Valhalla.

My wife and I are enjoying ourselves immensely thanks to you and your wonderful hospitality.

God bless Korea and may the day soon come when the North and the South are united again under a democratic government and Korea becomes again "The Land of the Morning Calm".

*Progress Report by Mr. Chi Kap-Chong
Director, Executive Board of UN Korean War Allies Assn., Inc.
at Unveiling and Dedication Ceremony of a Battle Monument for
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
at 11:00 A.M., November 7, at Naecheon, Kapyong, Korea*

This Canadian Battle Monument which was proposed since 1967 has been erected with the agreement of the Canadian Government and Headquarters PPCLI 1st March 1975.

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Canadian Ground Forces' participation in the Korean War, this Monument (2.7m high, natural stone) dedicated on this day, was designed by Mr. Aum Duk-Moon, a well known architect in Korea. The Monument was erected with donations from Korean Bank Association and Korea National Tourism Corporation including UN Korean War Allies Association under the support of Korean Government.

This monumental location was finally selected as the most suitable site for the memorial, where Canadian soldiers fought together and stopped the invading divisional Communist Forces when these aggressors launched their "Spring Offensive" along the Kapyong front 24 years ago, April 24-25, 1951. With their Commonwealth compatriots, the Canadians held the strategic points that were so important for the success of the UN Forces in repelling the enemy here at Kapyong. Thank you.

Remarks by Gen. Richard G. Stilwell, Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command at Unveiling and Dedication Ceremony of a Battle Monument for Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry at 11:00 A.M., November 7, 1975, at Naecheon, Kapyong, Korea
Individual Recognition of VIPs present - Honored Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is an honor and a privilege to speak at this commemorative service as we honor the men of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry who fought so gallantly - and so successfully here at Kapyong.

Their heroism and that of other Commonwealth units with whom they were brigaded, stopped the onrushing enemy and helped to stabilize the United Nations Command battle front.

The situation was perilous; the requirement was awesome. A CCF breakthrough threatened - with the resultant cutoff and annihilation of UNC units that were in the process of withdrawal. The Commonwealth Brigade, blooded and battle-tested, held the key to the route south - held it with such a fierce tenacity that the only ground the enemy gained was that covered with its own dead.

The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry proved here at Kapyong that its brilliant history, hard won during two world wars, could still inspire those who served in its ranks. The fighting Princess Pats pounded the enemy with every weapon available, engaged in hand-to-hand when the lines were infiltrated and called down supporting fire on the battalion position, on their own heads, when the battle hung in the balance.

Despite the odds, the position was held and the UN battle line with it. Today we honor the fighting men whose valor guaranteed victory - the men of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. We of the United Nations Command know that we can best honor those who fell on this field - and those who survived - by maintaining our strength and our vigilance against a repetition of aggressive enemy action.

The peaceful valley we see now was once torn with explosion and drenched with blood because men with neither pity nor principle decided to take by force that to which they had no right. We honor the men of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, and of those who fought shoulder to shoulder with them here, by maintaining our steadfast and unwearying vigil - by our determination to safeguard all that they earned for us here at Kapyong.

*Address by Canadian Ambassador J. A. Stiles
at Unveiling and Dedication Ceremony of the Battle Monument for
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
at 11:00 A.M., November 7, 1975, at Naecheon, Kapyong, Korea*

General Kim, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As the Canadian Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, I am pleased to express the gratitude of the Canadian Government to the Korean Government and especially to the UN Korean War Allies Association for the erection of this battle monument dedicated to the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry who fought so gallantly during the Korean War.

I would also like to add our appreciation and thanks for the fine co-operation extended to us by the County Chief and other officials of the Naecheon area for their part in creating this symbol of remembrance of soldiers from a distant land who under the banner of the United Nations came to Korea's aid in defence of freedom and the right to live in peace. Thank you.

TWO NEW MEMORIALS AT KAPYONG

On the seventh of November, 1975, on the twenty fifth anniversary of the landing of the first large party of Canadian soldiers in Korea for the Korean conflict, a monument to the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry was unveiled on the banks of the Kapyong River some thirty five kilometres northwest of Seoul, Korea. This monument is dedicated to all Canadians who participated in the war but with special reference to the Second Battalion, PPCLI and that battalion's gallant stand on the heights above the memorial during the Battle of Kapyong which marked the end of the Chinese Peoples Volunteers spring offensive in April 1951. During this critical battle, 2 PPCLI, the only Canadian battalion in Korea at the time, was part of the 27th Commonwealth Brigade. Along with the Third Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, they received the US Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation for this action.

There are many elaborate monuments in Korea, most erected by the Republic of Korea Government to honour those countries which fought here. One of the first monuments to be built was the Commonwealth Memorial at Kapyong town, a modest structure by later standards. This memorial was erected by a private organization, the United Nations Korean War Allies Association under the directorship of Mr. Chi, Kap Chong, in 1968 to honour the contributions of Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. With much the same idea in mind, Mr. Chi and his organization conceived and built this latest, rather simple structure based on a natural stone of the Kapyong area. He was insistent, that unlike many other memorials, this one would be on the actual site of the battle. In fact there is a diagram of the battle on a small plinthe to the left of the monument from where, on looking up, you can see the hills on which 2 PPCLI fought.

The unveiling ceremony was attended by many diplomatic and military dignitaries from the Republic of Korea, US Forces and the allied nations. Canada was represented by HE Mr. John A. Stiles, the Canadian Ambassador in Seoul and Mr. D. M. Thompson from our Department of Veterans Affairs.

A special guest was Col J. R. Stone (Retired) who commanded 2 PPCLI during the Kapyong battle and who was awarded the second

bar to his DSO for his leadership there. Col and Mrs Stone were the guests of the Korean government through the Korean National, Tourist Corporations' Veterans Revisit Programme. In an interesting sidelight, at the ceremony, Col Stone re-met Mr Y. J. Kim, a businessman who, as a lieutenant in the ROK Army during the Korean War, had been the Liaison Officer to the Canadian Forces in general, and for the period of the battle, to Col Stones' headquarters. Jo Kim came to the ceremony in response to a press announcement and neither knew the other would be there. It made for a happy reunion.

In his speech of thanks from the Regiment to the UNKWAA and the people of Kapyong Gun (county), Col Stone announced that, acting on a suggestion by Mr Chi, Kap Chong, the serving and past-serving members of the Regiment had been collecting monies in a special fund to create a bursary to be given annually to a child of that district to go to middle school (Grade 7). Whereas primary school is free in the Republic, it costs a family approximately \$150.00 per year for a child to attend middle school, more for high school. Such funds are very difficult for parents to come by in a rural community such as this. In Col Stone's words, the Regiment wished to "reciprocate with a living Memorial" with the first award of \$150.00 being made in March 1976, the beginning of the Korean school year.

On March 5th, 1976, Major R. N. Patterson, PPCLI, the Liaison Officer for Canada to the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission in Seoul, in the company of Mr Chi, Kap Chong, presented the first bursary from the trustees of the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund on behalf of the Colonel of the Regiment and all ranks of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, to a young student from Kapyong, at a small ceremony at the Kapyong North Middle School.

The student, Park, Sung Chull was chosen by a county committee of educationalists, chaired by Mr Kim, Tae Soo, the county chief. Park is a farmer's son who happens to live in the village behind the memorial and just below the hill on which the battle opened against B Company, twenty five years ago. Of 145 candidates for middle school, Park stood first, and so it is expected that he will put the Patricia scholarship to good use. He impressed the presenter as a young man who takes it all very seriously, as befits the possessor of a "living memorial".

Colonel of the Regiment

MGen D. C. Spry

Editor's Note *This abridged article just appeared in Volume 2 Edition 4 of the Mobile Command Letter and is reproduced with the kind permission of the author and of the Editor of Mobile Command Letter.*

"And now I am Colonel of the Regiment, a tremendous honour ...". wrote Field Marsh Viscount Montgomery of Alamein in his "Memoirs". Today, the appointment has been called "that efficient and necessary anomaly, the Colonel of the Regiment". How did it all begin? The title is certainly not understood by the public as a whole; indeed it is hardly understood in part of the Army itself. For an answer we must at least go back to the birth of the Standing Army, at the Restoration of King Charles II, but even before that, one can say the Regimental system was introduced in about 1580. The reason for the adoption of the Regiment, whose commanding officer ranked as a Colonel, was to fill the gap in the chain of command between the General and his staff, and the basic tactical unit, the company or troop under a captain. Before the establishment of the permanent standing army, the relationship of the Colonel with the King was much like that of contractor and client. If the King wished to fight a war, he would commission peers or other worthies as Colonels to raise troops for that purpose. Not only did the Colonel command his troops in battle, but he also raised, equipped and trained them within the financial limits set by the King (so much a head per soldier). He also made what profits he could out of the transaction.

In the Standing Army which was created after the Restoration the Colonel continued to be regarded both as commanding officer and proprietor. His regiment carried his crest on its drum and colours and it was known by its Colonel's name, e.g. Wolfe's, Wade's or Howard's. At that, it was regarded to be quite normal and regular for a colonel to make a living out of his regiment. The financial direction of the Regiment lay with the Colonel and its financial affairs were conducted by the Colonel's clerk, known later as the Regimental Agent. All cash was handed over by the Paymaster-General to the agent. Out of this the men were paid their subsistence, and a fixed proportion of their pay, known as the "off-reckonings", were retained by the agent to meet the cost of recruitment and clothing (but not arms), which were purchased on a Regimental basis from contractors. Any profits went into the pockets of the Colonel, but there was no check at all on what happened to the money after it reached the Colonel or his agent. The Colonel was responsible to the Crown both for the maintenance of his unit and for its discipline.

Colonels were expected to serve with their Regiments, but from the first it was considered that general, e.g. command or staff and regimental appointments were not mutually exclusive. A General in command could also retain the Colonelcy of his Regiment: the Colonelcy was also held at the King's pleasure and came to be regarded as a reward for distinction. It became the exception rather than the rule for the Colonel to hold Colonel's rank; and as the 18th century advanced there was increasing tendency for colonelcies to be held by senior officers of great age who drew the income from their Regiments but did not have time to go near them even if they had the inclination to do so. It was evident that the system gave both the Colonel excessive powers and led to gross misuse of public money. Reform was therefore ultimately inevitable. The decisive step was the transfer of responsibility for distributing pay from the Colonels to the War Office in 1783. However, the Colonels remained responsible for providing clothing from the men's off-reckonings, which were 25 per cent of the soldier's daily pay.

In 1855 the Colonels' responsibility for clothing was commuted for a handsome annual salary of 1,000 pounds a year or more, depending on the Regiment. A House of Commons Committee on Army Promotion and Retirement, which reported in 1876, accepted the view of the Commander-in-Chief, the Duke of Cambridge, that paid Colonelcies should be retained as a means of rewarding outstandingly meritorious service, but this was swept away by the reforming zeal of Lord Cardwell. In 1881 the salary was removed and colonelcies were made entirely honorary. The Colonelcy thus became an unpaid distinction, one of an increasing number that could be bestowed on a deserving General Officer. So matters might have rested had not the Army Council in 1920 offered a travelling allowance to Regimental Colonels and tactfully stated its view that a Colonelcy was a duty as well as an honour. "The Council take this opportunity of pointing out that the Colonel of the Regiment should be in truth, and not in name only, one to whom the whole Regiment should look up". The Council suggested three possible fields of activity; nominating suitable candidates for commissions, carrying out liaison with the War Office and giving advice on Regiment charities, for which, the Council remarked, the Colonel's attention "appears essential", and in this manner the Colonelcies continued until after World War II.

So what is the role of Colonels' of Regiments today? It is paradoxical that, with much smaller Regiments than were presided over by their predecessors of the last few generations, they have to work that much harder to preserve what remains. Normally a Colonel is selected by his Regiment, the wishes of the senior officers past and present and the Commanding Officers representing the views of their senior officers being taken into account. The Colonel's tenure of appointment is initially for five years; this may be extended to a maximum of ten years. The Colonel is the guardian of Regimental traditions, he fosters Esprits-de-Corps and represents regimental interests. The Colonel also fosters such alliances as there may be with Regiments of the armies of British Commonwealth countries.

The domestic affairs of the regiment as a whole are very much his concern, and these include charities, funds, properties, chapels, museums and memorials. The Colonel deals with all matters affecting a Colonel-in-Chief of his Regiment.

How does the Colonel of the Regiment carry out his duties? Apart from the endless correspondence, dealt with at home or at Regimental Headquarters, there are visits to the Battalions (wherever they may be), to Command and National Defence Headquarters and other regular military organizations connected with the Regiment, the chairmanship of Regimental Committees, presiding at the Regimental functions including the Old Comrades reunions and meetings, with periodic attendance at their branch functions; commemorative visits to the various battle sites in which the Regiment has distinguished itself, usually with a party of old Comrades. It is important to add that the traditional acknowledgement of the position of the Colonel is that the Regimental Colour is "Trooped" - i.e. displayed on a ceremonial parade given for him.

ROLES

1. The Honorary Colonel should be a complete and vocal advocate of the Military system and be a true supporter of the soldier. This requirement may include undertaking public speaking on occasions and will certainly include speaking on behalf of the Forces and exerting whatever influence is available in ensuring the support of the local community to the units and to the Commanding Officers.
2. The Honorary Colonel should act as an adviser to the Commanding Officers of his units on all regimental matters.
3. He should ensure that regimental dress, customs and uniformity are maintained and that dress regulations and orders are obeyed, or that changes or variations are requested to cater for any differences in regimental or unit dress.
4. The Honorary Colonel should advise on non-public fund administration and on the disposition of such funds and on regimental property, if such should be required.
5. He should advise on all regimental charities, regimental organizations and associations, and all regimental memorials.
6. He should maintain liaison with the Canadian Regular Force units of the regiment and with any allied regiments.
7. He should endeavor to be present at all formal parades and functions held by the unit or held to host or honor it by other means.
8. If possible, he should occasionally attend unit training and he should similarly maintain an interest and make an occasional visit to field training when it is undertaken.
9. He should be a father confessor to all the young officers, giving advice and direction to them as individuals, or as a body in respect to their military duties and when warranted, to their civilian responsibilities.
10. The Honorary Colonel should be the custodian of the regimental system and spirit in Canada as it applies to his particular unit. If the regimental system continues to exist in the Infantry, only then will there be any hope of maintaining it as a viable concept in Canada's Defence Forces.

The Colonel of the Regiment may be called a "father figure", but his job is no sinecure. As Sir Arthur Bryant wrote: "The essence and soul of the British Army will be found in its Regimental History", and Field-Marshal Montgomery writing of the Infantry: "Their fighting spirit is based largely on morale and Regimental esprit-de-corps" - and the Colonel of the Regiment is there to see it. "His post indeed is a tremendous honour".

ONE MAN'S WAR

599 Maddison H.P.

(Editor's Note: The following has been condensed from a series of letters written over a period of one year. The title was not selected by Mr. Maddison but it is a phrase selected out of context from one of his letters).

Although more than sixty years have passed since I left the Regiment to go back for a Commission, my memories of the Patricias remain as bright as ever. I left Edmonton with the gang on Thursday 13 August 1914. Sid Badley (514), Fowler (656), Page (734) (the Company cut up) and King (863) were among those who made the trip memorable. Badley became the Pay Sergeant but turned in his stripes after we went to the Barracks at Ypres and was killed on 8 May. Page was a friendly soul, full of practical jokes that he played on many of us, though never to hurt. King was a short dark fellow who had been with the San Carlos Opera Company when they folded in Edson, Alta. King had a powerful bass baritone voice, and he and Page taught us to sing "Spagoni" to while away the time.

On arrival in Landsdowne Park we were quartered in Machinery Hall where we tried to sleep on the racks. Each morning, at a very ungodly hour, the pipe band would wend their way between the racks, and in the glass enclosure the noise was deafening. On the second morning, King and Page brought us all to our feet with a roaring rendition of "Spagoni" which blotted out the pipers and that became the daily program from that day on.

Now, while I'm on Landsdowne Park, may I say that I believe I was the first Hospital Casualty in the Regiment. The weather was hot. The Rideau Canal ran behind the building, so we all went swimming. There being only one diving board I took a flying leap and landed in the water feet first. Some minutes later my left foot began to smart. Floating I found that I had cut the left foot badly. Stretcher-bearers arrived in due course, a tourniquet was applied and I went by truck to Carlton General where I spent six days and received many stitches. The Hospital tried to keep me till my bill was paid, but I had no money so walked out when Simpson came to tell me that the Regiment was about to embark on the Megantic.

He helped me to hobble down to the train. By the time we reached Levis my foot was fine.

When we left Sternwerke, on that two-day trip to our first stay in the trenches, I had been issued a new pair of very heavy boots to replace the Canadian Issue. The new ones were size 12. I was used to size 9½. So I landed in the mud and slime with two raw blisters, and spent the entire first day wondering how long it took to get trench foot. When they called for volunteers for rations I stood up. Anything was better than the mud and filth. At the ration drop I was given a mail sack half full of cooked chunks of beef. It weighed around 80 lbs. Two men loaded it on to my shoulders, and I started back at the end of the party. But I soon stopped and decided that I'd never make it back to the Company. After studying the problem I went back to the dump and got four sand bags and a length of twine. I filled the four sand bags with some of the best pieces of meat and tied them in pairs. Slung over my shoulder they made much easier carrying. I got back to the line about an hour after the party. That was, I believe, the only time we got fresh cooked meat in the line.

From my experience with the ration party I decided that I'd be happier as a guide, so when Cpl Peplar called for a companion I put my hand up.

A week or so after that, it could have been the night that Peplar was killed, #8 platoon was sent into reserve in an estaminet we called "The White Horse Cellar". I remember, very vividly, leading the way in and as I went down the stairs to the basement I happened to glance into the 'tun' room on the left. My flashlight caught a gleaming pair of yellow eyes, glaring in the darkness. I remember stumbling down the last few steps. After the Platoon was settled down I called Dick Fowler (#600) to light a candle and follow me back up the stairs.

I put a round in the breech, fixed my bayonet and crept silently up the stairs. As Dick's candle illuminated the hole, a large goat jumped out and headed for the outdoors. That was the first of the Regimental Goat.

Cpl Brown was my next partner. He went sick and I never saw him again. LCpl Wheeler was next, and he was wounded. Next was MacDonald, who had cooked for us at Winchester. (Mac still had greasy pants when we got together). I think Mac was killed, but I don't remember.

We also had a problem with our great-coats when we came out of that first trip into the mud and water. Mine weighed 35 kilos. The bottom was at least two inches thick. So I cut the mud off and left the white pockets showing below the cloth. A few days later we were issued goat skin jackets - without sleeves. They kept us warm, but how they did smell when it rained. We surely didn't look like soldiers in those days. But we all looked alike and no one complained.

My next partner was McKenzie, a big raw-boned Scot from one of the Highland Regiments. On Feb 18th we guides were in 'The Brewery' with Bn H.Q. At about two pm, six of us lay down in a large steel tank for a nap. Mac and I were in the center, it was well screened by other vats and chimneys and seemed very safe. But suddenly I got an urge to get to heck out of there. I was half-way down the stairs to the basement when a shell landed in the vat and Mac and one other guide were killed and the other three were wounded.

That night, to help calm my jitters, Col Farquhar and Capt Buller used me as their guide to the lines. They were kindness to the nth degree, and I settled down. At the small lake which separated #1 and #2 trenches, they told me to report to CSM McDonnell and get a new partner. I'll never forget the raucous laughter that went up when I asked Sgt Bevington for a partner. Someone yelled: 'The hoodoo wants a new partner'. Getting no response I started back by myself, which was entirely wrong. Running; struggling and mad as hell, I reached the road that led to the 'Brasserie' where H.Q. was. At this point I fell over a wire that the Engineers were laying for phone and knocked myself out. They took me to Battalion H.Q., thinking that they had caught a spy. The Medical Sergeant thought that I was malingering and gave me hell, but Major Keenan came in in time and lent me a large flask full of Hennessy; told the orderly to take me to my quarters and see that my wet clothes were dried. By noon the next day I had settled down, but I never had a companion guide after that. (This was Feb 18th and 19th. Col Farquhar was killed Feb 20th.) On Sunday March 14th I was given one stripe — largely to cover my duties as a guide. That night I guided #2 Coy up to the mound in the attempt to retake the trenches lost by the Irish Brigade (82nd).

We made two more trips into the trenches in this area before moving to Poperingue. I did not have a companion for those trips — nor ever again, though I did manage to tie-in with one of the other Companies several times, and on occasion I took returnees or small drafts from the "500".

I remember going in to the trenches (my diary says April 14th) in front of Polygon Wood. I recall spending the night using my bayonet like an adze to enlarge the poorly-made blazings on the trees which served as guides for our travel. Also removed a lot of limbs and other debris to make our travel a lot easier. I note that I went out for rations on the 15th and 16th. On the 16th I wrote: "Wet. Dark. Long and tiring trip". My recollection here is of utter blackness, with no star shells going up.

Our road in was by way of the Ypres-Comines railroad. It was so dark that I could not keep my feet in line with the tracks. I tried

rubbing my sole-plate along the rail, but the gun would slip off. Finally I fixed my bayonet, reversed the rifle, and used the point of the bayonet in the inner-curve of the rail. We got to the lines in time, but I had two wounded. (This was the only time any of my convoys suffered casualties.)

The regiment came out and back to the Barracks on the 17th. In case you don't know: The Belgian Barracks at Ypres were all brick, with tile roofs and 'Belgian' blocks for paving. When Fritzies hit anywhere near there, they got a lot of ready-made shrapnel. Fritzies were using the Big Bertha gun then. It took from 20 to 22 minutes to swab and reload the monster. So we had plenty of time to travel between shots. But, on the morning of the 19th, when we were all in the huge lavatory-washroom-latrines area, doing the SSS, they suddenly played us a dirty trick by opening up with a second Big Bertha. I got caught with my pants down and a load of brick dust in my underwear. From then on travel was much more difficult, though, as I think of it now, it wouldn't have made any difference, for if one hit close, nothing would save us.

I remember CQMS Lofts, 3 Coy so very thoroughly because, on the night of April 25th, I had gone out for rations. Shelling was very heavy and the transport was waiting in the lee of a brick wall on the outskirts of St Jean. To elaborate, I took in two days rations on that day, with or without a ration party, but probably with a small group of returnees. Major Adamson at that time informed me that CQMS Foden had made WO and that I was now A/CQMS. I remember him kiddingly saying that with my titles of LC, plus Orderly Corporal, plus Company Guide and now A/CQMS I was carrying enough load, so his inability to supply stripes and a crown should not worry me.

I left the ration party at the Lille Gate, and gone back to intercept the transport which had been delayed by the shelling. (St Jean was wiped out that night). When the order came to go forward with the rations, CQMS Lofts jumped onto #2 rig, so I perforce took #3. Ten seconds later a direct hit took Lofts and the entire #2 load. That was one of many times my guardian angel took me under his wing.

I think that it was on that trip that I found the body and motorcycle of a dispatch-rider who had ridden into a clump of bushes and was still sitting upright in the saddle. He had apparently been hit by shrapnel and had coasted into the bushes where he had died. I took the dispatch case up to the lines with me, and came back and buried him later.

While talking with Major Adamson I had asked permission to bring in a sack of mail and a few packages for #2 Coy, using the motorcycle. He had agreed, but cautioned me not to haul too big a load. The next day I went into Erquinghem where the transport was located, and picked up all the letters for the Coy, plus selected packages for the officers (including two cartons of Major Adamson's lataika cigarettes). The load was pretty bulky on the cycle, and, as I neared the point where I had found it, a burst of shrapnel caused me to swing the wheel and land in a shell-hole. My left knee began to swell with water, and I hobbled in with my loot. For several days the knee was stiff.

On the day that Premier Borden inspected us, #2 Coy, like the other three was in one thin line of 31 men with CQMS Scott in front and LCpl Maddison in rear. Before the inspection, Scott was called to the front and made WO. That left me as OC #2 Company. My memory, here is that Capt RO Earl and three Louies came on the scene right after the inspection and my 'reign' as OC ended quickly. But for circumstances, I might well have made Commission with the Pats, as it was I had to come back to Canada for my Commission, and later was appointed to Staff on M.D. 13, under General Criukshanks. But I'd have much rather have stayed with the Regiment.

FIRST BATTALION

The First Battalion has enjoyed an active year - from the Change of Command Parade to Operation GAMESCAN 76. The year has been interspersed with service at home and abroad! Members of the Battalion have travelled as far south as Australia and as far north as Narvik, Norway. Our tasks have been diverse and challenging, varying from participation in an AMF(L) conventional operations exercise to assisting the civil authority at the Olympic Games. Patricias have found themselves in the jungles of Queensland, on a foot run between Victoria and Calgary and in the frozen wastes of Resolute Bay.

Throughout this demanding period, the unit has displayed excellence at competition as evidenced by the return to the Home Station of the Hamilton Gault and Skill at Arms Trophies. In addition to the Regimental Competitions, the Delivery Point and Forced March trophies were won at WAINCON 75.

"All things being equal", it has been a successful, interesting and challenging year.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

The foremost event of the year was the change of command ceremonies conducted during WAINCON 75. The Battalion "assembled" on Centurion Field to witness the ritual as LCol J. L. Sharpe, CD, relinquished his command to LCol K. R. Foster, CD. As befitted the occasion, a beautiful day and a Battalion roll past set the stage with which to bid a fond farewell to LCol Sharpe. The Colonel of the Regiment, M Gen C. B. Ware, DSO, CD, a favourite with the troops at any time, was on hand to receive the salute during the roll past. Also attending the ceremonies was the Norwegian Ambassador to Canada, thereby symbolizing the importance of LCol Foster's command of the Battalion which was destined to assume the AMF(L) role later in the year.

FEU DE JOIE

"First Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry will fire a Feu De Joie". With these words and three rippling volleys of fire, a 100 man guard of honour saluted Calgary's Centennial on 10 July.

This traditional ceremony was one of the highlights of the 1 PPCLI participation in the Stampede and Centennial Celebrations. The guard commanded by Maj D. J. Campbell, and well trained by MWO Buxton, performed the intricate drills flawlessly and precisely. The musical ability of the PPCLI Band and the 1 PPCLI Corps of Drums added a great deal to the ceremony and was most appreciated by all.

While all participants deserve congratulations for a fine show, special mention must be made of the 50 men, who in addition to preparing for this parade, had to simultaneously train for and participate in quite a different ceremony as part of the Calgary Stampede Grandstand Show. This group, under the command of Capt Ray Trowhill and also trained by MWO Buxton, performed nightly during the Stampede.

EX PARLOFF RUN

The idea for EX PARLOFF RUN as it was later to be called was first conceived in early spring and initiated by contacting the Mayor in Victoria and offering him 1 PPCLI's services to hand carry any congratulatory message he might wish to send to the Mayor of Calgary on the occasion of the Calgary Centennial. The idea and location of the start of this project was chosen because of the great physical challenge it offered - running across the Rocky Mountains - and the Patricias have never been ones to balk at a physical challenge.

Thus it was that on 31 July 1975, Mayor Pollen, of Victoria, formally presented a scroll bearing his congratulations to Mayor Sykes on his city's Centennial to Pte Bill Koen to begin C Company 1 PPCLI's Century Calgary Project.

Although the exercise was originally intended to run on a timetable gauged to arrive at Heritage Park on August 4th; it was readily apparent that the timings would be thrown out the window when Mayor Pollen declared that he would foot the bill for all the beer drunk by the team with the fastest fifteen mile leg. From then on the trip became "mildly" competitive as the timings became lower and lower. The best time was finally recorded by a team consisting of MCpl Jim Burgher, Cpl Jerry Hey, Pte Suds Sutherland, Cpl Jim Blake and Pte Don Cormier. They recorded their fifteen mile stretch in seventy-eight minutes, an average of 5.2 minutes per mile. Quite a record, well done!!

Finally, on August 4th, the message reached the gates of CFB Calgary, and when the clock was stopped, it was found that the 832 miles had been completed in 76 hrs and 54 minutes, averaging 5.5 minutes per mile.

Although the run was C Company's project, there was one team consisting of "old" vets from the HQ, LCol "Crazy Legs" Foster and the VIPs, as they were called. This was a very select team consisting of RSM "Stretch" McMillan, the Adjt, Capt "Lapper" Parent, Sgt "Rags" Roach and Cpl "Swift" Swanson.

The culmination of all this took place on August 4th on Heritage Day when Pte Neville Pollard officially read and presented the scroll to Mayor Sykes before some 25,000 people. The response on arrival by the citizens of Calgary made all the sore feet and aching muscles worth the effort. Then after a few cool beers on the Calgary Mayor, they all departed for home and a well earned rest.

EX SUMMER HAZE 75

Ex Summer Haze 1975, a company sized reciprocal training exchange between the Canadian and Australian Armies was conducted during the period 25 August to 5 October. Under the auspices of this program a complete rifle company formed from 1 PPCLI and the Canadian Airborne Regiment served with the 6 Bn. Royal Australian Regiment and a company from 1 RAR served with 1 PPCLI.

The "Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Airborne" as were referred to by 6 RAR, was equipped with the standard Australian Infantry equipment and accepted as an integral part of the Battalion. Almost immediately after arrival, the company was deployed to Shoalwater Bay, a remote area in northeast Queensland, to participate in EX WUNDARRA BARMAN.

Despite our lack of familiarity with the area, everyone quickly settled down and performed well. During the live fire portion of the exercise two Canadian platoons outscored, by more than 300 hits, their closest Australian competitors.

On completion of the exercise, our remaining two weeks were spent in Enoggera, Brisbane touring the city and its environs as well as carrying out such military training as was possible. The Jungle Warfare Centre in Conungra was visited twice and the "infamous" Confidence Course will long be remembered by everyone.

All in all it was a successful exchange and the aims of the program were met. Much valuable training experience was gained and many friendships were made.

GREY CUP

Grey Cup 75 was a memorable event. A 100 man guard commanded by the DCO, Major Don Harris, fired a Salute to Canada during the official pre-game ceremonies. This great occasion was also enhanced by the fact that the Guard and the Regimental Band received national TV coverage. It was fitting that the PPCLI be part of the ceremonies in the first ever Grey Cup held in Calgary.

EX RAPIER THRUST IV

Ex RAPIER THRUST IV was conducted in the Chilcotin area of British Columbia during January 1976. The aim of the exercise was twofold, to practice the battalion in conventional operations under control of HQ 1 CBT GP and secondly to prepare the Battalion for EX ATLAS EXPRESS, an AMF(L) Brigade level exercise to be held in the Bardufoss area of Northern Norway in March 76. The Chilcotin area was chosen for the exercise because of the similarity of the terrain to that of Norway.

Troops participating consisted of the 1st Bn PPCLI, a National Support Element of 1 Svc Bn, J Bty, 3 RCHA and an engineer recce party from 3 Fd Sqn. Helicopters from 408 Sqn completed the Battalion Group.

RAPIER THRUST IV closely followed the format for AMF(L) Brigade Operations and evolved through the following phases: The Standby Phase, the Warning Phase, the Deployment Phase, the Deterrent Phase, the Combat Operations Phase and the Redeployment Phase.

The Standby Phase is the normal day to day state of the Battalion and normal training and routine is conducted. The Warning Phase commences upon receipt of a warning order and at this time transportation arrangements are finalized and personnel clearances are initiated. The Deployment Phase involves the air move and this is commenced with the departure of the Destination Airfield Teams.

As soon as the first company or "Key Company" is complete on the ground, it begins what is known as the Deterrent Operations Phase. Its purpose is to demonstrate NATO presence and solidarity in the threatened area. Sometimes these operations involve vehicle patrols roving many hundreds of miles. If the Deterrent Phase deteriorates into armed conflict, the Combat Operations is introduced.

RAPIER THRUST IV re-introduced many skills that the Battalion had not practised in some time. The air move in particular required a great deal of work and the many lessons learned were put into practice during ATLAS EXPRESS.

RAPIER THRUST IV presented the Battalion Group with a challenging winter exercise and it certainly assisted in preparing the Battalion for Ex ATLAS EXPRESS.

EX ATLAS EXPRESS

Ex ATLAS EXPRESS was a NATO exercise conducted by the Ace Mobile Force (Land) Brigade and was designed to test the deployment and operation of the various national contingents which make up the force. As the Canadian contribution to the AMF(L) Brigade, the 1 PPCLI Battalion Group was heavily committed to this exercise.

The valuable lessons learned in Ex RAPIER THRUST were employed resulting in an overall smoother operation. Cargo was more easily identified and the distribution and manifesting of equipment and personnel was simplified.

It was discovered, however, that the greatly increased distances from RAPIER THRUST IV seriously affected the airlift in terms of

aircraft serviceability and the movement schedule began to fall behind. Extra aircraft were inserted into the airflow and the Key Company commenced Deterrent Operations within the prescribed time limit.

ATLAS EXPRESS was by far the largest exercise in which the Battalion had participated in many years. Troops comprising the AMF(L) Brigade came from the UK, West Germany, Italy, the United States and Norway. Enemy forces were provided by the Norwegians and the Royal Marine Commandos. The Norwegian ski troops were a threat the Patricias had not encountered before. These troops were able to move quickly and attempted to infiltrate our front and close our lines of communication to the rear.

Upon completion of the exercise three platoons from the Battalion competed in the NATO Challenge Cup, an eight mile march and shoot competition. 7 P1 commanded by Capt Peter Browne and ably assisted by Sgt Saumer finished 1st in the Bn and 3rd overall.

1 PPCLI - BATTLE SCHOOL

In the spring of 1976, the Battalion held its own mini-WAINCON in the form of a Battle School. The aim was to practice section commanders and riflemen in the performance of infantry skills while under realistic combat conditions. This Battle School turned out to be one of the most worthwhile events of the training year.

It consisted of a number of live fire exercises mainly at the section level including some of the phases of war, obstacle crossing and tank killing. A platoon live fire exercise and a company advance to contact test exercise completed the 10 day Battle School.

Enthusiasm for the School was evident throughout the training. Soldiers got down to the finer points of soldiering and many of the lessons learned there will be carried with them for years to come.

OP GAMESCAN 76

MONTREAL was not only host to the world, but also to 1 PPCLI. The major portion of the Battalion was given the opportunity of a lifetime by being chosen to be employed on Security duties during the XXI OLYMPIAD. From the guarding of training sites to good ole A Coy being on standby at the Olympic stadium, the Battalion upheld our fine Regimental tradition.

The taskings were as diverse as they were challenging. From the heavy handed gungho operational exercise approach during training, the new skills of tact, diplomacy and approachability had to be taught, learned and refined. The lads came through beautifully with only a few instances of feather ruffling. The beauty of the entire operation was that sub-unit integrity was maintained and Commanders at all levels had complete control over their men. The taskings were not unlike the Cyprus peacekeeping operation, and our performance in MONTREAL will hold us ready for any similar requirements.

William Hingston High School was our temporary home and a welcome change from the slit trenches and sweltering heat of Wainwright. As always and in true Patricia style, it didn't take long to wend our way into the hearts and minds of the neighbourhood. The children soon learned the names of many of the troops and if the excitement generated is any indication, the recruit system had better gear up for a substantial influx of young newcomers in 1985.

High profile and the capability of instant reaction was the CO's game plan. Fortunately, nothing went amiss and we hope that just through our presence, we deterred any thought of disrupting the games through violent action.

IMAGES

1st BN

Change of command, May 75



Outgoing CO, LCol J. L. Sharpe signing over the Battalion to incoming CO, LCol K. R. Foster with the Colonel of the Regiment, Maj-Gen C. B. Ware and Commander 1 Cbt Gp, B-Gen P. A. Neatby witnessing the signing.



*Waincon 75
6 PLATOON ON PATROL. (R-L) Cpl Goode, Pte Smith, M/Cpl Blair,
Pte Quilty, Pte Robitaille and Cpl Prowse.*



*... after the training was over there was a moment for relaxation.
LCol Sharpe and Gen Ware chat with members of B Coy. From left:
CSM MacMillan, OC Maj Campbell, CQ WO Danyleyko, Sgt Lind,
Cpl Finney and Lt Lovell.*



*Numerous Summer taskings followed Waincon
1 PPCLI fire a Feu de Joie during the Freedom of the City parade
which was part of Calgary's Centennial celebrations, on July 1975.*



A Coy stayed cool on Ex Northern Patrol 1, Resolute Bay



*Others worked up a sweat
EX PARLOFF RUN: From Left - Pte Decker, McEachern, O'Connell,
Pirie and Sgt Clyke.*

*Some went to Australia for fun
A visit to the famous Live Pine sanctuary near Brisbane was on the
sightseeing agenda for B Company's visit to Australia. A tame
kangaroo shows complete disinterest in Cpl Ken Prowse of Brandon,
Manitoba (left) and Pte Dwayne Allen of Mountain, Ontario.*





.... At the Home Station training continued and games

Pte Smith explains the finer points of the Carl Gustav during the Combat Leader's course.

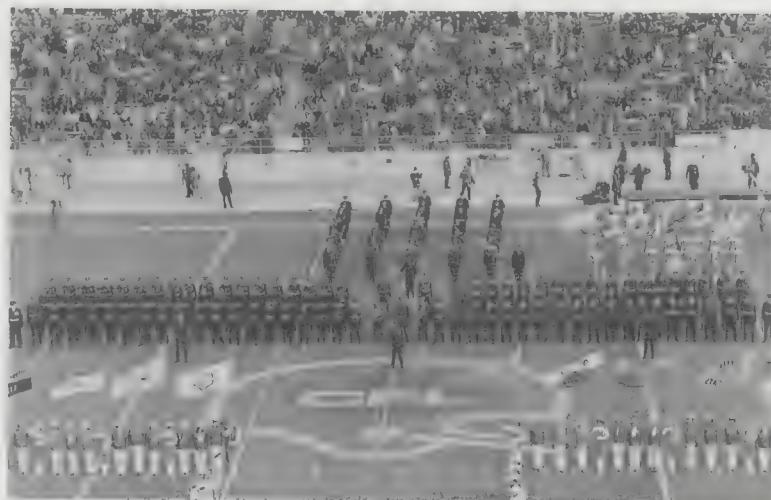


Din - Din in the weeds! An unidentified soldier (could this be you?) grabs a cold can of beans in the rain during a fifteen minute lunch.



The French Grey Cup. C Coy vs B Coy. RSM McMillan makes a decision as Lt Bain piles in watched by team mates. From the left: Pte Lalonde, Longarini, Decker (partly hidden).

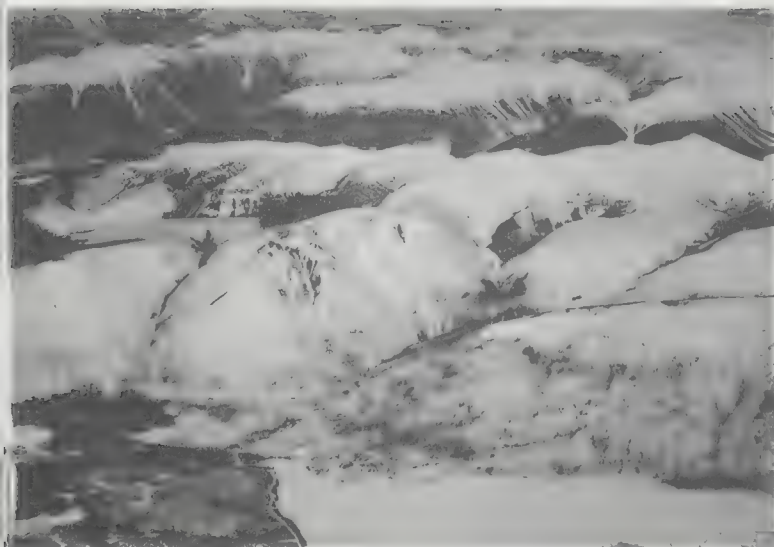
Meanwhile at another Grey Cup



The Battalion's Colour Party on the opening ceremony of the 1975 Grey Cup in Calgary.



As the snow started to fall . . . Coy's prepared for the oncoming winter exercises.



and then . . . Off to Chilcotin

This photograph vividly portrays the difficult terrain of the Rapier Thrust IV exercise area. Movement was largely restricted to roads.



Cpl White, a chalk commander and Ptes Grabowsky and Baxter, undergo the "Sausage Machine" in preparation for Rapier Thrust IV.



Pte Ryan, Pte Carmody, M/Cpl Kilgallen and Sgt Walker check out an improvised shelter.



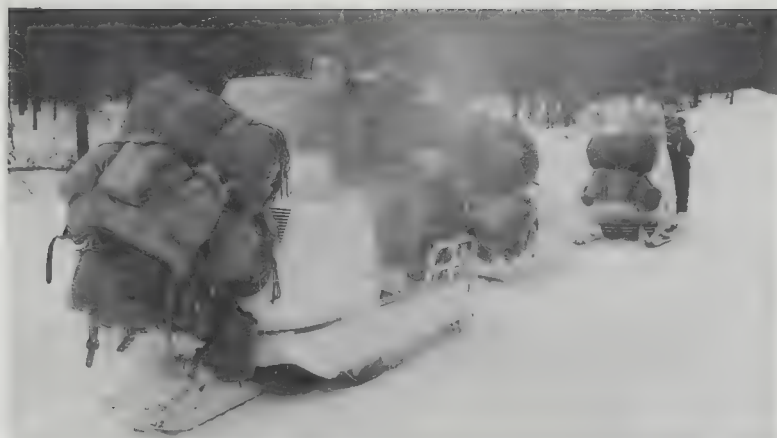
Pte Hubert Gallant, MCpl Bob Cameron and Pte Ken Bennett, the "Sweathogs" GPMG group giving covering fire during Rapier Thrust IV in Chilcotin BC. Notice how close Ken is to his buddy George. . .



MCpl Ian Vandereslt and Pte Alexander Eastwood pushing their way through snow, water and ice during Rapier Thrust IV in Chilcotin BC.



MWO "Uncle Ed" McDow and MCpl Gary McDonald clearing a road block put in by the Fantasians during Rapier Thrust IV in Chilcotin BC.



Cpl Murza and Sgt Clyke of Recce P1, on patrol during Ex Rapier Thrust IV.



Sgt Carty of the Bn MP section explains the lay-out of the staging area to Pte Grenier in Norway during Ex Atlas Express.



After Chilcotin came Norway

Pte McEachern on duty on a reserved demolition bridge in Norway during Ex Atlas Express.



The control of roads within the Battalion's area of responsibility and mobility were key factors during Ex Atlas Express. Pictured above - a section on the move.

Pte Ainslie and MCpl Izzard of the Int Section were kept busy monitoring the radio nets along with keeping the Battalion's maps up-to-date.



Pte Denninger of C Coy keeps watch during the struggle for the Oldsburg bridge in Northern Norway.





Maintenance Platoon's 5 Ton wrecker was a great help in unloading the Battalion's vehicles in Calgary. The trip to Norway was made by air, the return was by a combination of air, sea and rail.



Norway was becoming part of the past when the Battalion paraded to in observance of another period in the Regiment's history. . . . Frezenberg Day



Gen Neatby presented the Hamilton Gault Skill at Arms Trophy to Pte J. Turner on behalf of "B" Coy.



And then there was Battle School. . . .

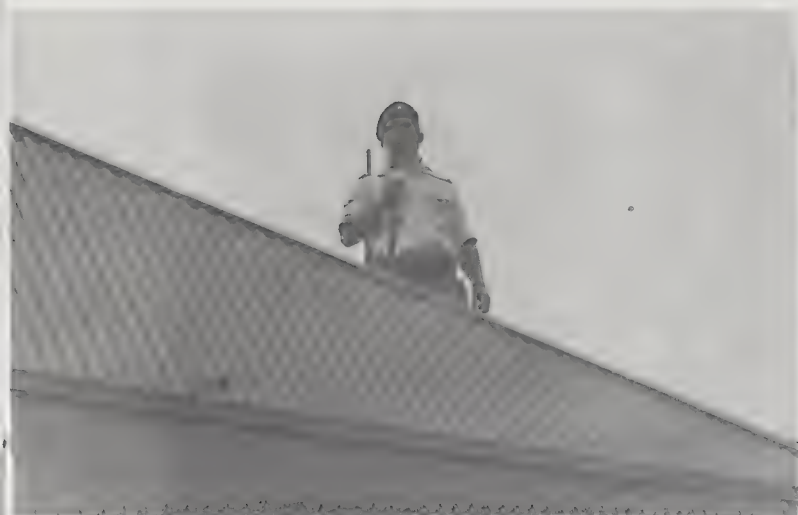
Ptes Hannan, MacDonald and Steinberg prepare to give covering fire during Battle School.



In order to ensure no pussyfooting around the banks while constructing the aluminum floating foot bridge, this old engineer trick was employed at the beginning of every lecture given by MCpl Martin of Mortar Platoon! With everyone soaked to the waist before construction, the bridge was built in a very short time.



Cpl Hill of Cbt Sp Coy lectures the section of MCpl Bruner on the finer points of constructing a tripod during Ex Highland Glen, an obstacle crossing exercise.



Hard training paid off for Operation Gamescan 76

Pte Barton of A Coy maintains a rooftop surveillance of a training site before such sentries were banned.



Two unidentified Patricia's perform the Australian rapel during a "Block Party" held by Battalion in the interests of community relations.



Sgt Millwater, a PI Comd in B Company is shown briefing his platoon in the dining area of William Hingston School.



Pte Ken Bennett covers the roof of a swimming pool which was used as a training site.



C Coy's pride and joy, the Claude Robillard Centre, a \$55 million complex with facilities for swimming, diving, tennis and field hockey. Two platoons were required to adequately guard this training site.







SECOND BATTALION

Once more the new year commenced with throbbing heads and firm avowals never to drink again. During the New Year's Day levee the officers were received by the Honourable W. J. McKeag, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, at Government House. Visiting teams from the Officers' and Senior NCOs messes covered all reserve and regular force unit messes in the area. We finished off in our own mess where the highlight of the evening was an attempt by one elderly matron (codename The Cat Lady) to surmount the wheel. Despite heroic assistance from the subbies, her efforts proved futile.

WINTER BATTLE SCHOOL

1975 saw the continuance of the CO's training policy, stressing the maximum use of live, field firing exercises. These exercises aroused the interest of all soldiers and kept training as realistic as possible.

The first "Battle School" was conducted in Camp Shilo during the latter part of January. Prior to commencement, and while A Coy was setting up the school, a major blizzard struck Manitoba. The unit was tasked to provide assistance both in Winnipeg and Shilo. APCs and ¾ ton trucks delivered food and medicine to people cut off by the storm. In Winnipeg ¾ ton trucks were stationed at fire halls to deploy firemen and equipment in the event of fire. Fortunately, no emergencies occurred and after a few days things were back to normal and the battalion was on its way to Shilo. The winter battle school stressed withdrawal and defence. A Coy successfully managed to construct a river in the middle of the Shilo desert which was promptly bridged by a supporting engineer section from 3 Field Squadron. This provided a realistic setting for platoons to practise bridge demolition guards along the withdrawal route. The school was sup-great flu epidemic. Living in arctic tents, the flue quickly spread, until over 50 percent of the unit was stricken.

BATTALION HOCKEY

Hockey was a star attraction during the first few weeks of February and the seventh saw the officers meet the Senior NCOs in the most thrilling spectacle yet seen in the short history of Vimy Arena. Unfortunately, the game report has been mislaid and the game officials posted to Alert. Despite a valiant and honest game on the part of the officers, the Senior NCOs were the victors. The score is classified top secret and cannot be released until the year 2000. The Senior NCOs managed to find our team's weakness, our goalie, Capt Dave Brigden. He looked good throughout the game until confronted with the unexpected, a shot on goal! Other stars of the game were WO (Shakey Knees) Osborne and Lt (Bam Bam) Schutte. Copious quantities of libation were supplied to the officers' team by Uncle Steve Gagnon and Capt Mark Fisher. Rumour has it that the drink was in fact provided gratis, courtesy of the Sergeants' Mess.

On 11 February the inter-company hockey championships were held in the same arena. This contest saw Sp Coy defeat HQ Coy by a score of three to two with the winning goal being scored by MCpl T. G. Tennant of transport platoon.

During the week 12 - 18 February the unit conducted a basic unarmed combat course and a unit swim course to upgrade the swimming proficiency of all ranks. In the same time frame the unit ran the normal round of pay level 4 courses both in Kapyong Barracks and CFB Shilo.

SKI SCHOOL

From 30 Jan to 07 Mar 75 recce platoon, commanded by Capt Doug Arril, organized and ran a unit ski school in Camp Dundurn. 320 all ranks attended the course which consisted of basic cross country skiing, using military equipment. Two afternoons of downhill skiing were taught in the vicinity of Blackstrap Mountain. The ostrich effect was observed on numerous occasions as people mounted on the elderly "bangy boards" tried to imitate the style of Jean Claude Killey. The school finished each training cycle with a one day vehicle ambush patrol. After training hours many "lounge lizards" with "ZIP" on casts were noticed in the bar telling tales of their daring on the slopes.

MARCH THE 17th

All ranks of the battalion once again participated in the March the 17th Regimental Day celebrations with spirit and enthusiasm. Regimental Day began with a float parade and beauty contest. HQ Coy won the best float prize with an entry that depicted the trials and tribulations of ski school. HQ Coy also cornered the beauty queen contest, the broom-a-loo and the toboggan race. Quite a winning streak! The combined forces of Sp and D Coys walked off (pun intended) with the snowshoe race trophy. A Coy finished off the days events by winning the chain of command race.

The Senior NCOs and officers played a gruelling game of broom-a-loo to decide who would get the front or tail end of the horse. The nose was dragged through the snow but the officers are beginning to believe that they may as well nail the tail to the wall of their mess.

The end of March saw the arrival of Mr. Kap-ch'ong Chi, Director of the Executive Board of United Nations Korean War Allies Association, and Major General C. B. Ware, DSO, CD, the Colonel of the Regiment. Their arrival heralded discussions on the construction of a memorial to the regiment at Kapyong as well as Canadian participation in the unveiling ceremonies.

The 24th anniversary of Kapyong was celebrated with an in house battalion parade held at Kapyong Barracks. The reviewing officer was Mr. Larry Roeder, the US Consul General in Winnipeg. Mess dinners, featuring traditional Kapyong fare, were held in both the Officers' and Senior NCOs' messes later in the evening.

WAINCON 75

Our spring training period arrived and the unit departed for Camp Dundurn and the spring battle school. Concurrently B Coy was tasked with running a patrol school for the junior leaders of the battalion. The battle school was aimed at section and platoon level training. A section advance to contact lane, entitled "The Last 100 Meters", was incorporated to practise close assault drills on the objective. Platoons rotated through a live fire woods clearing lane and a two man scout lane. The patrol school, commanded by Capt Ray Bunner, finished off their training with a two-sided long range patrol exercise. Starting well to the west of camp, the patrol groups had to infiltrate a screen set up by C Coy and recce platoon. They then crossed the South Saskatchewan River by assault boat and conducted raids on a number of objectives defended by A Company.

At the conclusion of our training in Camp Dundurn the battalion made a tactical vehicle move to Camp Wainwright to join the remainder of 1 Cbt Gp for Waincon 75. During the course of Waincon

75 we were fortunate to receive a visit by MGen C. B. Ware, the Colonel of the Regiment. He spent the day with the battalion and had an opportunity to visit with and talk to the soldiers undergoing sub-unit training. In the brigade competitions, the unit's GPMG team from C Coy, commanded by MCpl (now Sgt) W. P. Spring, managed to beat out all other competitors, winning the competition by a wide margin.

TOMMY PRINCE

During the Manitoba Indian days celebrations held this summer, the battalion honoured Sgt Tommy Prince, an ex member of the regiment. Sgt Prince left his home on the Brokenhead Indian Reservation in 1940, enlisting as a sapper in the Royal Canadian Engineers. He transferred to the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion in 1942 and one month later moved again, this time to the 1st Special Service Force (The Devils Brigade). He saw active service in the Aleutian Islands, the Central Mediterranean and in southern France. During the war he won both the MM and the US Silver Star. Although demobilized at the end of the war, he quickly re-enlisted in 1950 for Korea. He served in Korea with both the Second and Third Battalions of the PPCLI until his discharge in 1952. Major Larry Gollner, DCO 2 PPCLI, presented Sgt Prince with a PPCLI Diamond Jubilee scroll in recognition of his service to the regiment and Canada. The Corps of Drums played a 30 minute sunset/retreat ceremony to conclude the presentation ceremonies.

A COY GOES NORTH

On 11 July 75 A Coy departed on Exercise Northern Patrol II, a sovereignty patrol to the Canadian Arctic. The exercise mission was to recover a crashed Fantasian Satellite. The patrol, originally scheduled to land at Isachsen on Ellef Rignes Island, was forced to divert to Resolute Bay, NWT, due to poor weather conditions. The flight to Resolute took seven hours from Winnipeg and the troops were somewhat relieved when the aircraft finally set down. A base camp was established with the soldiers working in bright sunshine until someone discovered that it was really 0200 hrs in the morning! After a brief rest the company patrolled to the crash site covering 15 miles of rock and gravel. The satellite was destroyed after removing the memory bank and A Company returned to Resolute for further sub-unit training. The 0° temperatures and 40 MPH winds made it comfortably cool as they used the open spaces north of Resolute to conduct live fire exercises. During their spare time the troops fished for Arctic char or walked about looking for souvenirs. They discovered fossilized insects and a Venezuelan beer can lying in the middle of nowhere. A number of fish were caught and enjoyed as a vast improvement over hard rations. For many in the company this was the first trip to the Arctic and destroyed a good deal of their misconceptions about the north.

2 PPCLI GOES TO JAIL

Over the holiday period 30 June to 02 July while most Canadians were celebrating the country's birthday, soldiers from 2 PPCLI were making their way to Stony Mountain Penitentiary. 120 soldiers from C Coy were called out in aid to the civil power when federal prison guards took bereavement leave in protest over the government's non-implementation of the capital punishment legislation. The handover of external duties went smoothly and soon guard towers were manned, with foot and vehicle patrols being conducted along the outside walls. At 2330 hrs on 02 July the federal guards began returning to their posts. The company withdrew to a bivouac area and remained on stand to until 0800 hrs the following morning. When no incidents occurred, the order was given to return to Kapyong Barracks.

CAMP MINAKI

For the first time that many of us remember, the battalion had a good slice of leave and as a bonus it came during the summer! As people came back from leave however, there was still a chance to get away from the city. An adventure training camp was set up in mid July for all ranks to get out of garrison and do some navigation exercises and canoeing. In both cases these were not arduous tasks but more in the line of hiking and fishing trips. Each group of soldiers available spent one week in the camp area near Minaki, Ontario. The camp was so successful that some of the soldiers asked to stay for a second week! The diet consisted of group kitchen meal packs, hard rations and all the fish you could eat. A number of the battalion brought their families up on the weekends as the price was right, the noise was nil and the fish plentiful.

SHOOTING

This unit small arms team put on quite a show this summer at the annual 1 Cbt Gp small arms competitions held in Calgary. Practising for only one month prior to the competitions, the team managed to win both the rifle and pistol team awards. Led by the outstanding shooting of Cpl R. A. Woodward and Cpl J. C. Larocque, the rifle team held off a strong challenge from 1 PPCLI to emerge as the army of the west's top team. Their performance was very gratifying to team coach, W.O. G. N. Osborn who did a superb job of getting the team ready for this important competition. Our pistol team performed equally well winning under the pressure of close competition. The team's only tyro, Pte E. G. Weatherhall, put in a good effort and shot very well.

Special mention must be made of Cpl R. A. Woodward who, through consistent shooting, now holds the enviable title of the best rifle shot in the west. The highest award, the Western Command Ram's Head Trophy, symbolic of the best all round small arms team in 1 Cbt Gp, was won by our rifle team.

During the Canadian Forces competitions held at Connaught ranges in Ottawa, our team placed second over all in the Vanier Trophy competitions for all small arms weapons. We also won the Kamloops trophy-pistol service condition match. Cpl Sheppard came first in the Halifax Trophy competition and our rifle team placed first in the 200 yard rapid fire shoot for the Gimli Trophy. In the sniper rifle shoot for the London Trophy, Cpl Gilfoy from 2 PPCLI placed first. Hard work and good shooting by all ranks involved - congratulations!

MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

Confidence in yourself, your comrades and your equipment is essential if you are an infantryman. A basic mountaineering course conducted at Minaki in northwestern Ontario was designed to develop and test this confidence as well as introduce members of 2 PPCLI to all facets of mountaineering.

Recce platoon, commanded by Capt Doug Arril, set up a four day basic mountaineering course which each company attended in September. A total of 225 soldiers started the course with 195 eventually qualifying as basic mountaineers.

Bravo Company's story which follows is typical: a three and a half hour bus ride followed by a seemingly longer half hour ride in the battalion's 2½ ton buses left a tired and hungry B Coy at the base camp. After a good meal the company was treated to a two hour lecture on knots prior to being allowed to rest for the next day.

The next three days from sunrise until shortly before dusk were spent in learning the basic skills of balance climbing, rappelling and rope bridging. Rarely is any training conducted without a confirmatory test and the mountain school was no exception. The last day was spent on an exercise which confirmed the sensible man's fear of heights. The exercise consisted of a five mile course through difficult terrain and included construction of a rope bridge, climbing rock faces and rappelling down a steep cliff. For those who attended the course, much was learned. The unity of the company was much enhanced by the sharing of this common experience.

FORT LA REINE

During July, fifteen members of the battalion's Pioneer Platoon assisted in the reconstruction of some of the outbuildings at the Fort La Reine museum in Portage La Prairie. The platoon refinished a yoke boat and red river cart. As well, they completely repainted the school and barn and did numerous other small rebuilding tasks. On 13 July the fort was officially reopened with the Pioneers in their traditional uniforms raising the flag. The unit's Corps of Drums played a short selection of marches and ended the ceremonies by beating retreat.

FALL BATTLE SCHOOL

During the month of October, 561 personnel from 2 PPCLI and H Battery 3 RCHA conducted a two week training concentration in Camp Dundurn Saskatchewan. Our aim was to train under realistic war-time conditions in all aspects of conventional warfare.

The scope of the training encompassed a three phase round robin style of training cycle consisting of dry training, annual range qualifications and a live fire battle school. During the "dry" portion of training, the sub-units of the battalion practised the various phases of war using blank ammunition prior to going on to the live fire battle school. During the annual range qualification period, each man fired his own personal weapon and then qualified on support weapons.

The battle school portion of training was broken down into three basic training activities: A grenade assault course where soldiers acting as scouts moved along a predetermined pathway using hand grenades to destroy simulated enemy personnel; a night vehicle ambush where a platoon destroyed a group of three cars representing an enemy convoy; lastly a company defensive position where simulated enemy attacks were repelled by small arm, machine gun, artillery and mortar fire.

THE FRENCH GREY CUP

November the 14th saw the top two teams (A and HQ Coy) from the battalion's inter-company flag football series play off in the annual French Grey Cup. The game was preceeded by a parade of company floats surmounted by the unit's beauty "Queens". A Company took the prize for the best float and for the most beautiful "Queen".

The game itself saw HQ Coy sustain a resounding 17-0 loss at the hands of A Company. A Coy scored two touchdowns, one by Lt M. J. Diakow and the other by Pte R. W. Vilchovsky. Both were converted successfully to raise the score to 14-0. The remaining points were kicked home by MCpl F. Bootle in a successful field goal attempt.

1 CBT GP COMDS INSPECTION

On 20 Nov 75 2 PPCLI was visited by the Commander of 1 Combat Group, BGen P. A. Neatby. He was making his annual inspection of the battalion. After the formal inspection, the General awarded a

number of promotions to unit personnel and presented the Louis Scott, Cock O' the Walk Trophy to this year's winners, LCol R. I. Stewart and CWO W. R. E. Bruce. In the past seven years since the trophy was placed in competition, 2 PPCLI has won it on four occasions.

Upon the conclusion of the parade, the General visited a number of training stands observing unit training and various PCF courses that were being conducted at the time.

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It is said that the best way to stay warm in a cold winter is to keep active. The Second Battalion were by far the warmest people in Winnipeg as the new year unfolded!

Planning was well underway for KAPYONG '76, the four day celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong, Korea which would take place from 25 to 28 March.

Winter warfare, however could not be overlooked, and January saw A and C companies tighten their muckluks and fly off to find a place where it was cold enough to do some realistic winter training! Alpha company led by Major Ron McConnell played the "Bad Guys" for Exercise Rapier Thrust IV in the Chilcotins while Maj Ken Lidgren led his enemy force Charlie company in a fight for Graves Flats against the Airborne Regiment.

These exercises were skillfully arranged so that their return flights would allow the company commanders to connect with the winter holiday flight to Cyprus to receive our other sister battalion's operation there, prior to our donning of blue berets in April. It is rumoured that it was the first time in 12 years that Greek or Turkish forces have seen Canadian arctic uniforms!

Unit peacekeeping training in mid February transformed Kapyong Barracks into a somewhat chilly Nicosia as the soldiers acquired the special skills required of a peacekeeper. We even drove on the "wrong" side of the road for three days to make it interesting. . . for everyone but the MP's and the Transport Officer.

Preparations for Cyprus were now relegated to afternoons as we marched into the CFB Winnipeg hangars and the Winnipeg Militia Armouries in the mornings to commence the execution phase of Kapyong '76, now only one month away. The firm voices of guard commanders, guard sergeant-majors and RSM Bruce echoed in the

armories as the ceremonial trooping drill of four, 50 man guards, was honed to a fine edge. In another armoury Major Dave Martin and MWO Fred Breurkens were transforming a comprehensive script of regimental history into a twelve act military tattoo that would involve one hundred soldiers, soldiers' families, the Manitoba Highland Dancing Society, the Edmonton City Police Pipe Band, the Winnipeg City Police Pipe Band, the PPCLI Regimental Band, and the Corp of Drums of both of our First and Second Battalions.

The various committee's that had been formed by LCol Stewart in September 1975 were now transforming their plans into action under his skillful coordination backed by the financial wizardry of his Deputy, Major Larry Gollner.

Major Ken Lidgren's invitation committee had reached hundreds of PPCLI and Kapyong veterans with the news of the celebrations and the acceptances were flowing in. Major Ron McConnell's grounds committee was producing the stage properties and decorations with the unlimited talents of WO Sandy Haley's Pioneer Platoon. Capt Mike McKeown's Special Projects committee was distributing decals and mugs and his Anecdotal history book - KAPYONG REMEMBERED - a composition of personal interviews with Kapyong veterans by Capt Doug Arril.

The Regimental Birthday was celebrated in fine Second Battalion fashion. HQ Company walked off with the overall trophy with wins in BROOM-A-LOO and SKI-A-REE. Charlie Company placed second. The Officers maintained their reputation in the Officer's vs Senior NCO's BROOM-A-LOO competition - maybe next year Officers!

The CO didn't make it for the events because it was his turn for the flu, however he did present the trophies at the completion (contrary to the advice of the MO, DCO and his wife).

Major Jim O'Brien's planning coordination office closed and Capt Dave Brigden's Reception Centre opened - the veteran's and VIP's began to arrive; KAPYONG '76 had begun.

The WO's and Sgt's Mess held their mixed mess dinner on 24 March, honoured by the presence of Capt and Mrs. Grimes; Capt Grimes was Col Jim Stones RSM at Kapyong.

Our Colonel-in-Chief Lady Patricia Brabourne DL, JP, CD arrived on the 25th and attended the officers' Kapyong mess dinner. Her presence and that of Col Jim Stone the Commanding Officer of Second Battalion at the Battle of Kapyong, plus many VIPs, veterans and serving Patricias was a fitting beginning to our anniversary celebrations.

The following day began with the arrival of Lord Mountbatten of Burma, the father of Lady Patricia Brabourne. There were meetings of the Regimental Executive and the PPCLI Association and a press conference for Lady Patricia Brabourne and Col Stone in the Better 'Ole - The gathering place for all from the youngest soldier to the most seasoned Patricia veterans.

The two hour performance of the KAPYONG '76 Military Tattoo in the Winnipeg Convention Centre was an unparalleled success; truly the highlight of the day. The history of the Regiment poured out from the actors and bandsmen on the three stages as they portrayed it from formation in 1914 to the present day. The spectators swelled with Regimental pride as the lights dimmed and the last Blue Beret'd soldier marched into the darkness.

27 March was Trooping Day. The soldiers did their final rehearsals on the spacious floor of the Winnipeg Convention Centre which only a few hours before had been the stage on which our Regimental History had been re-lived.

Lady Patricia Brabourne attended the Regimental Association General Meeting and the luncheon that followed. She gave generously

of her time to visit Private Sargent of 2 PPCLI and several veterans in Deer Lodge Hospital.

Lady Patricia Brabourne received the Royal Salute at 2:00 PM and the Trooping of the Colour ceremony began. This was the true culmination of months of hard work. As our Colonel-in-Chief addressed us we knew we had represented our Battalion and our Regiment well in the most formal and traditional military ceremony possible.

The all Ranks Trooping Dance arranged by Capt Ron Johnson's committee was the breathing spell we had all looked forward to, and of which all ranks of all ages and their families took full advantage.

Sunday came all too soon - Lady Patricia Brabourne presented a stained glass window on behalf of the Battalion in St. Andrew's Chapel and the church parade ended with "Three Cheers for the Colonel-in-Chief!" (which we think had originally been scheduled for the end of the Trooping of the Colour Parade but only the CO knows for sure!)

The departure of Lady Patricia Brabourne and Lord Mountbatten marked the official end of KAPYONG '76. The veterans departed and the soldiers of 2 PPCLI went home full of pride and memories of their achievements.

Time for reflection on KAPYONG '76 was short, for in less than a week the first of four airplanes departed for Cyprus.

Our United Nations duty began officially on 15 April as we took over Sector Four from LCol Gregg Leitch, CD and his Third Battalion who left us a well organized peacekeeping operation.

Our summer on this Eastern Isle was militarily quiet so we had an opportunity to address administrative details, update orders and instructions, and improve accommodation and working areas. We had an active internal sports program including individual run and swim competition, softball and volleyball leagues as well as participation in inter-contingent events such as tennis, and swimming. Our most notable performance was in the UNFICYP small arms competition in which 2 PPCLI marksmen out-shot teams from six countries. The first time a Canadian team had won the trophy in the history of the event.

We also entertained some distinguished visitors to the Island including MGen D. A. McAlpine, CMM, CD, Commander of CFE; the students of the National Defence College; The Honourable Bud Jobin, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba accompanied by our Base Commander Col M. D. Gates, CD; Col A. J. G. D. de Chastelain, CD, HQ UNFICYP Deputy Chief of Staff designate and Commander designate of the Canadian Contingent; BGen J. A. St Aubin, OMM, CD, Comd designate 1 Combat Group, and His Excellency Mr. E. G. Lee, High Commissioner for Canada to Cyprus. We in turn were entertained for two weeks including the July 1st weekend with performances from the NDHQ sponsored Western Canada Revue. It was an extremely successful and morale raising visit which refreshed us all as we entered the last three months of duty.

August 10th marked the end of two eventful and successful years of command for LCol Bob Stewart, CD. The change of command took place at Nicosia International Airport and was officiated by BGen C. E. Beattie CMM, CD. In his final address to his soldiers he expressed regret that he would now be leaving the Second Battalion for ever after twenty years of service which he began at the rank of Private. It was only fitting that he was turning over his command to a Second Battalion officer and close friend who had a similar career in the Second. Now after a year as his Deputy, LCol Larry Gollner, CD was to command the Battalion.



Mr. Larry Roeder USA Consul General in Winnipeg inspects 2 PPCLI during Kapyong '75 parade.



DCO Maj G.E.L. Gollner presenting Diamond Jubilee scroll to Ex-Sgt Tommy Prince.



Cpl DN Cooper of B Coy prepares to throw the M67 hand grenade on the grenade assault course.



2 PPCLI unit small arms team with trophies won at the 1 CBT CP Small arms competitions.



MGen C. B. Ware DSO, CD, Col of regiment being briefed by Sgt M. J. D. Harron on the preparations required prior to swimming APC'S.



B Coy pers rappelling at 2 PPCLI'S Mountain School.

Who's more nervous?



Opening kick-off French Grey Cup 1975 Col Paul-Duddy DCOS Region Ops does the honours while LCol R. I. Stewart CO 2 PPCLI holds.



Col Paul-Duddy DCOS Region Ops presents the French Grey Cup to the victorious A Coy team; Accepting is the A Coy team captain Lt M. J. Diakow.

Lady Patricia Brabourne inspects the Quarter Guard on her arrival in Winnipeg at Government House, where she stayed with Lt-Gov and Mrs. Jobin.



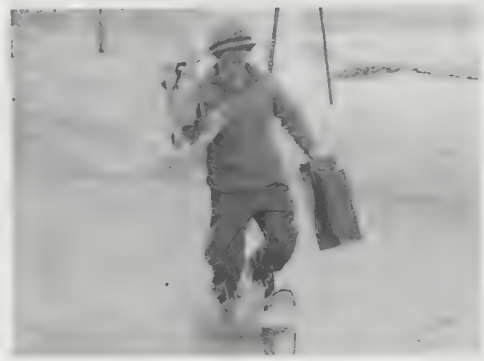
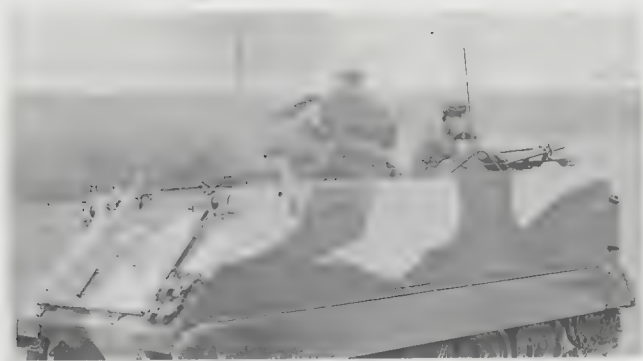
Sgt V. B. Hillyard, the only veteran of KAPYONG serving in the Second Battalion, reads the KAPYONG PRESIDENTIAL CITATION at the TROOPING of THE COLOUR PARADE.



The Second Battalion marches past at this Trooping of the Colour Ceremony, in the Winnipeg Convention Centre.



BGen C. E. Beattie, CMM, CD, inspects the Second Battalion accompanied by the "old" and the "new".



THIRD BATTALION

Nineteen seventy-five started out in a rather predictable manner for the Third Battalion. Once everyone had returned from Christmas leave, and worked off the evils of the holiday spirit, bags were packed for "good old Wainwright", and Exercise REFRIGERATOR ROMP. Naturally the shock of the frozen expanses was somewhat greater to us than to the other battalions who spent the better part of their time surrounded by the white stuff. Perhaps its the knowledge that the cold will be short lived and we will soon be back home and warm in Victoria that permits us to accept this annual trial without undue anxiety! As far as we in the Third can determine, our once-a-year frozen pilgrimage is all we need to keep our hand in at winter warfare, and the consensus of opinion is that once is quite enough!

Of course some people are posted to Victoria by accident, and really do like the freezing temperatures and icy climate of the North. In order that they not be disappointed, A Company, reinforced by a platoon from D Company, volunteered to go north to Alaska for an extra two weeks. Exercise JACK FROST, hosted by the American "Manchu" Regiment, was their excuse and allowed both armies to get a glimpse of each other's tactics and a chance to practice with one another's weapons. Needless to say, there were also social obligations, and the chance to meet new friends, trade war stories, and "acquire" some foreign kit. This of course brightened up what otherwise might have been just another cold winter exercise.

During the month of February the Battalion, for the most part, managed to stay home in Victoria. This provided the time necessary to carry out some much needed individual specialist training. February also saw the graduation of our first Recruit Platoon from the Operational Training Detachment in Wainwright. SCARPE Platoon, under Lt Dave Arnott, Sgts "Butch" Daphinee and Phil Fields and MCpls Hugh Stevenson, "Butch" Montreuil and Dave Stiles became 6 Platoon on their return to B Company. Top candidate was Pte Don Kirkland.

After A Company's heroics in Alaska in February; it was now bouncing Bravo's turn to show its stuff. Accordingly March brought with it Exercise NIGHT RAIDER, a counter-guerrilla exercise in the Leechtown area. The scenario found 5 and 6 Platoons pitted against one another in a two-sided battle for an exciting four days. Almost as important a factor as the enemy, was the terrain for as anyone who has spent any time on Vancouver Island can tell you, the BC rain forest is amongst the most formidable country you are ever likely to find anywhere.

Our second platoon of recruits also arrived in March; MONS Platoon under Lt Frank Parker, WO Jim Campagna, Sgts Karl Grohs and Arnie Day, and MCpls Doug Cowles and Bob Tucker. On their arrival they became 4 Platoon B Company. Top candidate was Pte Mike Boyling.

It would be amiss not to mention at this time our annual sports classic. After a hard fought year of inter-company sports, B Company somehow managed to take the field; winning all three sports - flag football, ice hockey and floor hockey.

April was the month of our annual trek south of the border to take advantage of the range facilities at Fort Lewis, Washington. With a temporary support base set up by the Logistics Platoon, each of the rifle companies, and all of the support weapons platoons each spent a week doing much needed range work, battle drills and field firing ex-

ercises. All-in-all, it was a successful effort, with the Battalion once again amazing the Americans by our ability to keep our aging vehicles operational!

April of course, was also time for the General Waters Competition. However, for us this year it was a 10 miler with a difference. After doing the requisite 20 miles for the competition, over 400 members of the Battalion carried right on to complete a full 100 miles as part of Exercise ISLAND WANDERER. Averaging 17 miles a day, the march proved to be quite a test of endurance for legs, feet and boots alike. The marchers were aided at several points along the route by the skirl of the pipes, as Cpl Angus Grant, the CO's Piper, helped to shorten a few of the miles. Working as hard as those marching, but in a different way was the Administrative Support Group under Lt Bob Halpin and MWO Jim Petty. Travelling ahead of the marchers, this group ensured that everything was as comfortable as possible for them at the end of each day's hump. Foot inspection, foot baths, running shoes, good food, a cool beer, movie, and ~~ZZZZZZZZ~~ until the next day's effort. That was Exercise ISLAND WANDERING (!) and it was nothing short of great to see a certain Sergeant Major at the end of the day's march saying "Just 300 metres to go lads!"

Not all of the soldiers who took part in ISLAND WANDERER marched the 100 miles; 15 members of B Company, competing in the Cross Canada Run Competition, ran the entire distance. Led by Sgt Wayne Oertel, the team went on to win the competition.

On the last day of the march, the Battalion was granted permission by the Mayor, Mr. A. G. Young, to exercise its right of Freedom of the Municipality of Esquimalt, and completed the 100 miles with drums beating, Colours flying and bayonets fixed. After many blisters, worn-out boots and songs, it was a happy Battalion that marched through the gate of Work Point Barracks.

May arrived courting its usual pastime - WAINCON! This year, however, rather than being quartered in the relative comfort of Camp Wainwright, it was decided to revive the "lost art" of bivouac routine. Although there were a few grumbings about the lack of shower and washing facilities, it was soon clear that with each sub-unit tucked away into its own "bivy area", a new sense of company spirit and inter-company rivalry began to develop. Arriving just in time to partake in this rivalry, were our next two recruit platoons: SICILY under Lt Bill Sutherland, Sgts Pete Kolbe, Bill Brown, and Bill Crozier, and MCpls Gary Cook, Carmen Crispe and Don Schaffel; and LEON-FORTE under Lt Court Stevens, WO Ed Titus, Sgt Don Hilchey, and MCpls Mike Sikora and Ray Chenier. Top candidates of these two platoons were Ptes Hunor Nemeth and Lee Keeso.

Although section drills and platoon battlecraft training looked much the same as in previous years, Exercise PRAIRIE FIRE was decidedly different - at least for Third Battalion. This time we got to play enemy, and it wasn't long before red triangles and Fantasian rank badges started to appear throughout the Battalion. Fast moving and action packed, PRAIRIE FIRE was certainly a fitting end to the training year. Yet it was not the end of WAINCON. There was Exercise SABRE, the Battalion Forced March and Shooting Competition which was won by 6 Platoon under Lt Geoff Baker and Sgt Pete Peterson. Then there was Armour Defence Platoon, under Sgt Bob Timms, who went on to win the 106 mm RR competition and B Company, who captured the MAW competition in the Brigade meet. One of A Company's heavy machine gun teams, consisting of MCpls Jim Scott and Doug Westacott and Ptes Pete Walsh and Wally Warrington, was judged as the best of the brigade.

On return from Wainwright in mid-June, the Battalion took to the square to say farewell to the old CO and to welcome the new "Old Man". As normal the one change brought with it a host of others, as a new personality exerted itself - swagger stick, wedgies, dogs in the mess: what next?!!

June also saw the arrival of our fifth group of recruits from the depot, as Lt Doug Salmon, Sgt Norm Williams, and MCpl Brian Sheppard brought back 14 members of GULLY Platoon for A Company.

Just as the Battalion was about to proceed on summer leave, the penitentiary guards decided that they should have a day off and walked out. Thus followed Operation CADENCE, which saw the Battalion guarding the federal penitentiaries in New Westminster and William Head. What was amazing about the operation was the visible change in the attitude of people when they know that something is for real. As such, genuine interest and keen effort was evident at every level, particularly on the part of Battalion Tactical HQ in the matter of a certain gorgeous young prison official!

The autumn brought another series of individual specialist courses to bring us up to scratch for the upcoming tour in Cyprus. Also for the first time in several years, there was a Combat Leader Course conducted by the unit. The top candidate on this extremely tough and demanding course was Pte Terry Millman of Signal Platoon.

September saw the graduation of our last recruit platoon from Wainwright, to bring us up to strength for Cyprus. RIMINI LINE, under Lt Wiley Kemp and MCpls Len Rooney and Wayne Bolduc, became 1 Platoon of A Company on their arrival.

As the courses went on, so did our preparations for Cyprus. Classes were interrupted by the gigantic "sausage machine" - needles, warning orders, passports, briefings and so many of the other evil necessities of going overseas were all handled one by one.

A mini-sports programme was also underway at the time, with soccer being the highlight of events. The Battalion Soccer Cup was won by a newly reconstituted "Charles" Company, after a hard fought battle against Bravo.

Of course, the biggest event of the year was Third Battalion's UN tour in Cyprus from November 75 to April 76. That of course is a separate story which you can read about at the end of this article and if you want the "truth" about our tour, you'll have to consult the RIC-A-DAM-DO - our unit newspaper. Bound editions of the R-D-D as well as plaques, AWOL bags, T shirts and numerous achievement certificates were just a few of the gifts accrued before rotation home.

Parting is such sweet sorrow, and to emphasize this, the Battalion exercises its right to the Freedom of the City of Victoria in a farewell parade on the grounds of the Provincial Legislature. The ceremonies were well attended and received good press coverage and it was encouraging to note that people really do care what we do!

Once back from Cyprus, it was straight off on 3 weeks leave, as soon as your foot touched Canadian soil - a welcome reward after 6 months away from hearth and home. The break over, the Battalion officially reported back to work, and Rear Party was dismantled. Victoria welcomed us back, as we again exercised our right of Freedom of the City and marched in the annual Victoria Day Parade. But then it was business-as-usual, and security for the UN Habitat Conference was next on our list. IS Drills and anti-terrorist tactics were soon familiar sights around Work Point Barracks along with the helicopters of 408 Squadron.

Just in time to join in on the "fun" of IS training were our first two post-Cyprus platoons from Wainwright: 18 members of YPRES Pla-

toon under MCpl Woody Woodcock were first, and they were soon joined by the 22 members of VIMY Platoon under MCpls Wayne Bennett and Jeff Hislop. Pte Gary Greenoway was top candidate from YPRES, which was posted to A Company, while Pte Duke Cuthbert took the honours for VIMY, which joined B Company.

Fortunately, Habitat went off without a hitch, and everyone was able to breathe a little easier. Of course, we weren't so lucky for the 21st Olympiad and at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday the 18th of July, B Company reinforced by A and HQ flew off to Montreal on eight hours notice. Quartered with 1st Battalion and under command of the CO 3R22R, they not only enjoyed their three week athlete security task but managed to take in a few events first hand! Then it was back to normal unit training, and support to various schools, militia and cadet units across the country. However everyone did get two or more weeks leave during July and August - which was much enjoyed. It wasn't long before our next platoon arrived, ready to go, from the depot, in the form of 23 members of HILL 70 Platoon, under Sgt Redge Gurr, and MCpls Brian Anderson and Tom Scott. The top candidate was Pte Mike Cook. All 23 new soldiers were quickly absorbed by A Company, and soon found themselves deeply involved in the Company Battle School being run by Lt Doug Salmon, with WOs Joe Danyleyko and Tom Battram, Sgts Pete Okopski, Al Legood, and Dave Delmage, and MCpl "Red" Morrison.

To sound off a year of PT, the Run Across Canada Team from B Company once again (for the second consecutive year) collected their trophy from CFB Esquimalt for completing 4500 miles in the shortest time. Comprised of 25 runners it was a great effort by each member to be first across the line. It also established a new B Company tradition!

And what are we looking forward to? Well there's WAINCON 76 (a new improved version!) just around the corner, and RAPIER THRUST, this winter, but then those will be different stories. In the meantime it's busy (running!?) as usual



ACE

November 1975 marked the retirement of Cpl Ace MK; and what, you may ask, is so significant about that? Well, Ace Manchu Kijik was Third Battalion's mascot for 2 years. The huge white Malemute-Great Pyrennes cross was acquired by B Company, then under Major Jack English, while on Exercise ACE CARD VI in Alaska in February 1973, with the US 9th Infantry Regiment (MANCHU).

Ace was described by his owner, Mr. Gary Marbut of College Alaska, as the "best pup he had ever raised", and at 4 weeks, he was twice the size of his brother and sister. Since that time, Ace has grown from literally a handful of white fur to nearly a 100 pounds of playful, spirited dog.

On any given day Ace, who had the complete run of Work Point Barracks, could be found wandering through the Company Lines, sleeping in the hallways of Battalion Headquarters, or just running around getting in mischief and mud puddles! He was well known for his "affection" for civilians! When the Battalion fell in for parade, Ace marched right along with them, resplendant in his "full dress" blanket with regimental colours and insignia embossed on either side. He would often make melodic efforts to accompany the Battalion Piper, much to the consternation of the RSM!

During his short career, Ace managed to complete a special Junior Leader's Course (or, as the civies call it, an obedience course), receiving a "B" grading, and qualifying him to promotion to Corporal (5A). Cpl Gord Kitsch, his handler, was often heard to mutter that soon the dog would outrank him!

Ace became quite attached to many members of the Battalion, especially to his handler. In fact, he is not only the Battalion's mascot, but also a family pet to Cpl Kitsch's children. Thus the retirement of Cpl Kitsch from the Regiment, after many years of dedicated service, also marked the retirement of Cpl Ace. Fortunately though, by special arrangement, the Battalion has managed to retain him as mascot for special occasions. Thus Ace comes "out of retirement" to march with Third Battalion whenever it has a ceremonial occasion - a welcome addition to any Trooping or Freedom of the City parade.



Ex NIGHT RAIDER. The Colonel-of-the-Regiment discusses improvements in equipment with Ptes Doug Solvason and Bob Vallas of 6 Platoon.



Ex REFRIGERATOR ROMP. Sgt "Butch" Oertel briefs Ted Luscombe and Wayne Griffin for a patrol.





A Welcome Sight. MWO Jim Petty, CSM of Administrative Support Group greeting the marchers.



B Company Olympiads. MCpl Fauteaux inspects an athlete security detail of Cpl Brochu and Ptes Bernard, Greatrix Hammond and Snider before going on duty.



Cross Canada Run. Taking their last steps to finish the 4,500 miles of the Cross Canada Run Competition are (L-R): Cpl Marsh, Pte Hitchcock, Pte Maurice, Pte Goodwin, Pte Reeves, Pte MacDonald, Cpl Greves, Pte Thomson, Pte MacArdle and Cpl Dunne. Also on the team, but not visible in the picture were Sgt Oertel, Cpl Roe, Cpl Thomson, Pte Harochaw, and Pte Malcolm.



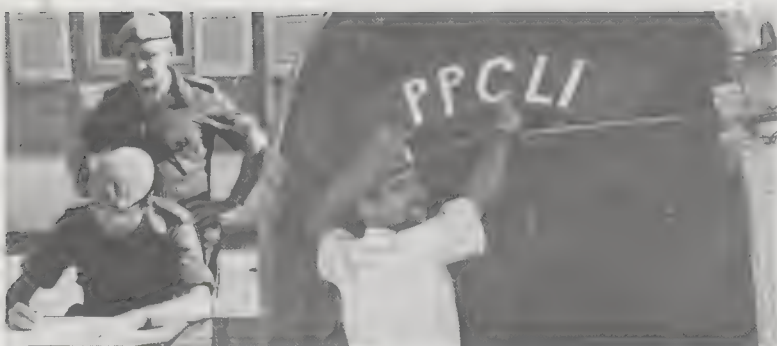
Winners. "Butch" Oertel accepts the Across Canada Run Trophy on behalf of the B Company Team from Adm A. Collier, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific.



CLC Graduation Parade. Commander 1 Combat Group, BGen Neatby, inspects the "survivors" and proud graduates of the Combat Leader's Course accompanied by Pte Millman.



Ex SABRE CHAMPIONS. 6 Platoon with their trophy. Back Row (L-R): Sgt Peterson, MCpl Stevenson, Pte Brooks, Pte Bissonette, Pte Thomas, Pte Reed, Cpl Roe, Pte Vallas, Pte Campbell, Pte MacArdle, Pte Langford, Cpl Dunne, Pte Roberts, Lt Baker. Front Row: Pte Green, Pte Woodrow, Pte Fraser, Pte Phillips, Pte Marshall, Pte Deboer, Pte Hitchcock, Cpl Barnes.



We signed for the lot and let everyone know who we were.



Then we got down to business.



And maintaining friendly relations with both sides.



Manning Ops.



WAINCON 75. A Company firebase - Pte Pete Walsh, and MCpl Doug Westacott on the GPMG.

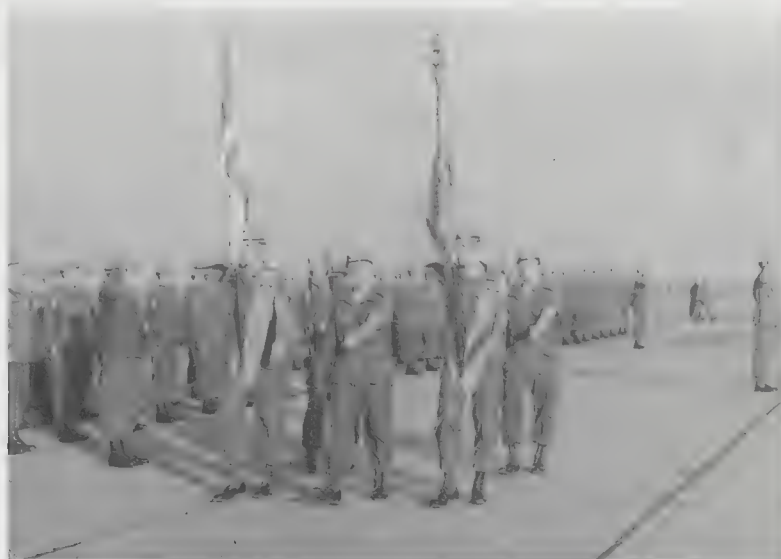


Change of Command. LCol H. G. Leitch takes over from LCol R. L. Cowling, while the Colonel-of-the-Regiment looks on.

CYPRUS 1975-76



It started out much like an overseas operational tour. We cleared out of Work Point.....



And once the colours were safely there



.....and the MP's got their man - er goat



the Maintenance Maintained



Sigs signalled



Pioneers painted



Patrolling the UNDMZ.



Although most of the glory went to the soldiers at the front - as it should - a lot went on behind the FDLS:



Clerks clerked



The Transport moved it



Pay paid

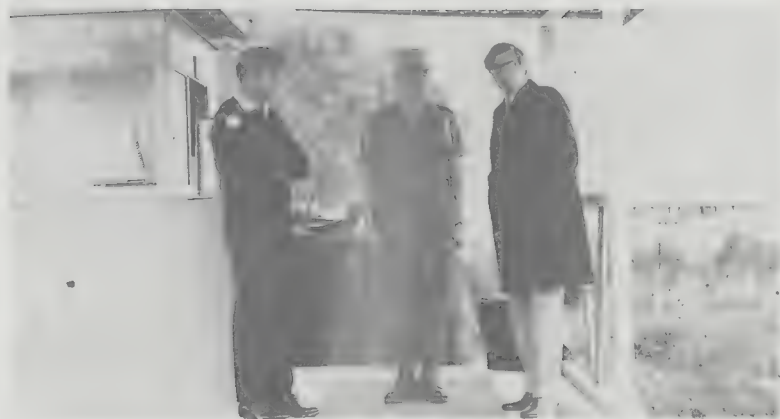
The Cooks cooked (superbly!)



Of course we had our fair share of visitors.



The Force Chief of Staff, BGen Beattie;



The Canadian High Commissioner to Cyprus, Mr. E. G. Lee



The Commander 1 Combat Group, BGen P. A. Neatby;



A distinguished Patricia, BGen J. A. de Lalanne, representing the Colonel of the Regiment;



The Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, His Honour W. S. Owen;



And even the Reconnaissance Party from 2 PPCLI;



But the highlight of course was the visit of our Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia Brabourne and her husband, Lord Brabourne.



It was hard work



It was a difficult time spending Christmas away from home,



But we did our best to enjoy ourselves.



. . . . But we managed to keep our cool.



We even managed to have Santa Claus and an "elf" visit.



To keep our spirits up!



Regimental Day in Cyprus was subjected to some last minute adjustments due to our operational tasks, but we finally got it organized.



To keep the place in order.



The Senior NCO's even let the officers win at Broom-A-Loo



And somehow we even managed to pull off a prank or two.



The boys in the band worked hard



With fun and games for all.



Beating the drum and blowing the horn,



Everyone also took to running,



As reconnaissance par excellence



As well as a little hard soldiering!



And as armoured defence too



Occupied a lot of our time and effort too,



As did our farms. . . .



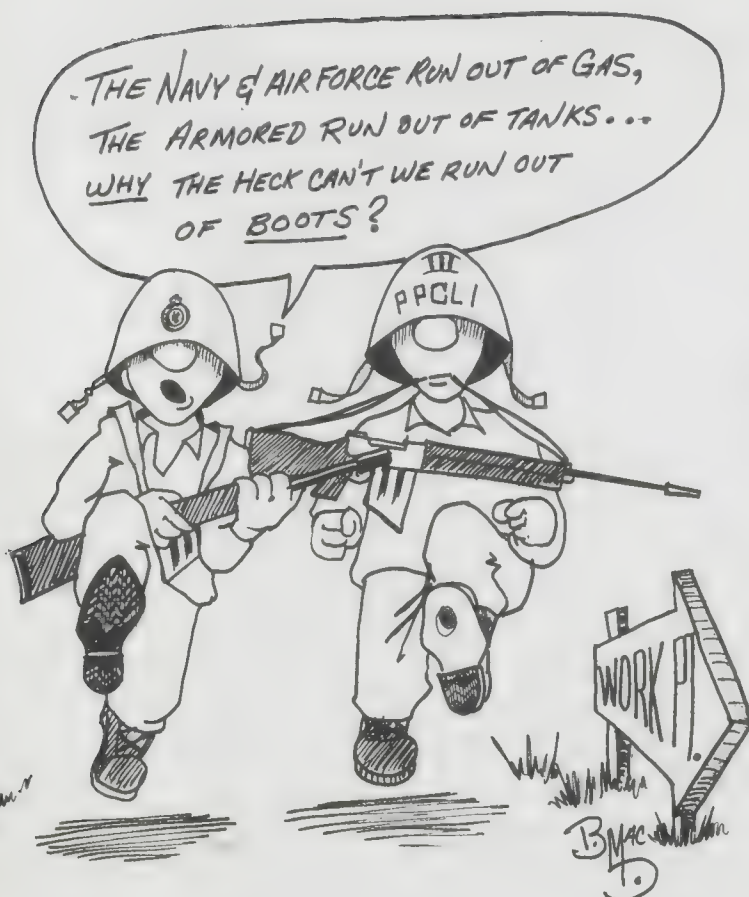
The intercommunal talks



And some didn't want to leave

We eventually departed knowing we had done our job well.

And that UNFICYP would not soon forget the Third Patricias!



GAGETOWN PATRICIA'S

The first sightings were reported just East of Vancouver in August of 1975. As August gradually turned to September, the sightings not only became more frequent, but they were also reported in the areas of Calgary and Winnipeg. The early reports were of curious little scratches in the surface of the Trans Canada Highway, but as time went on it appeared that these scratches were turning into deep gouges. Investigations revealed that these marks were caused by Patricias and their families who were being dragged kicking and screaming from their beloved "Army of the West" to serve in CFB Gagetown.

The Fall period of 1975 saw an unusually large number of Patricias posted to CFB Gagetown, and for most of us it was a pretty traumatic experience. For many it was the first posting away from a Battalion and meant leaving familiar surroundings and friendships developed over many years of working together. We were leaving that feeling of well-being that comes from knowing who to see, or where to go to get "things" done. The thought of having to completely re-establish ourselves was more than a little disconcerting.

CFB Gagetown and the Combat Arms School were not totally unfamiliar to us. At one time or another we had all been there on one course or another. We all had some pretty clear memories of boring evenings spent in quarters, the frustrations of shopping, Moosehead hangovers, etc., but perhaps strongest of all were the memories of those self-centred, unsympathetic, self-appointed experts on everything who served as instructors. Perhaps this was the largest pill to swallow, the thought that we were about to become one of "them".

It wasn't until the Meet and Greet Cocktail Party held in early November and hosted by MWO Jack Murray in the Brownfield WO and Sgts Mess, that we realized just how foolish a great many of our worries were. It was really quite astounding to discover how many Patricias and old friends had made the trip before us. Any misapprehensions we may have had about becoming one of "them" were quickly replaced by a genuine desire to uphold and strengthen the fine reputation that our fellow Patricias had developed in their respective fields of endeavour. It would be most difficult to find a more dedicated group of professionals anywhere. For most of us it was an honour to be invited to play on the same team.

Patricias were to be found in every facet of the Base operation. At the helm of course, was BGen E. M. K. MacGregor, MC, CD, Commander of the Combat Training Centre, a distinguished soldier and a truly fine representative of the Regiment. Serving under him and scattered throughout the chain of command were many other extremely capable members of the Regiment. Col R. L. Cowling (OC Inf Dept), LCol G. D. Hunt (B Adm O), Maj E. A. Peterson (OC Adv Spec Wing) and Maj J. A. English (OC Fd Sp Gp). Patricia captains abounded at CFB Gagetown, among them such notables as Dan Davies holding down the desk as Base Adjutant, Gord Manning sorting out myriad personnel and administrative problems as SO3 Adm of the Combat Arms School, and Les Bailey co-ordinating the use of the wide array of training resources required by a training facility of this size, in the appointment of SO3 Coord. Bob Beggs, SO3 Ranges, controlled the use and allocation of the 427 square miles of ranges and training area that make up Camp Gagetown. Mike McMurtrie, Marcel Beztily and MWO Gord Hryhoryshen wrote and monitored the standards for the various courses conducted by Infantry Department. Doc Miles and Sgt Steve Kozlik were attached to Artillery Department, and besides keeping the Gunners honest, they somehow Bill Stutt performed the very necessary but thankless task of writing training manuals as a member of the FMC Writing Team. Sgt Cec Bonar kept the cameras rolling in the video tape studio.

The majority of the Gagetown Patricias, however, were to be found within Infantry Department and involved in the actual execution of the courses run by the Department. Think of a course, any course run by the Department, and you could find a Patricia involved with it. If your fancy turns to the Small Arms or Sniper courses, you would have encountered Capt Jim Trick ably assisted by WO's Sam Simpson and Don Ritthaler and Sgt Blair Singer. If you intend to become a TOW gunner, then WO's Tom Reid, Jim Glendinning and Patrick McEachern will put you through your paces. Students attending the Advanced Pioneer course will no doubt run into WO's Ed Hale and Bill Miller. Advanced surveillance equipment operators enjoyed the benefit of WO's Bob Bluett and Randy Turpin. All officer cadets and TL 6B Candidates at one Phase or another of their training were subjected to the wisdom, scrutiny and guidance of yet another group of dedicated individuals comprised of Lt Norm Wilkinson, WO's Ed Bakker, Dave Yendall, Don Collier, Merl Hamilton. Capt's Paul Ronskley and Dave Rudd formed part of the staff of Officers Wing of the Department and as such were involved in running the Company Commanders Course, Officer Cadet Phase 4 training and Land Familiarization training of helicopter pilots. Lt Rick Burke and MWO Jack Murray roamed the halls of Department Headquarters bending the knee and shooting the foot, telling us to get haircuts and demanding numerous returns and statistics, Rick as Departmental Adjutant and Jack as the DSMI.

New arrivals were quick to learn that unlike the remainder of the Maritimes, the pace around Gagetown can never be considered dull or boring. After a brief orientation course, most of us took up our new appointments and plunged headlong into a hectic course schedule that succeeded in keeping us very busy until the most welcome Christmas break. The New Year saw us begin the course cycle once again, with January and February spent preparing for numerous courses commencing in March.

From the point of view of workload, our Regimental Day could hardly fall at a worse time. Somehow, however, time was found to celebrate the event in true Regimental fashion. On 16 March all Gagetown Patricias gathered for a preliminary blood letting, with BGen MacGregor leading the way.

The 17 March saw the worst snow storm to hit the Maritimes all winter. So severe was the storm that it was necessary to call a complete standdown on the Base. Despite the storm one entire group did report in as scheduled. This group was, of course, the entire complement of Patricias serving in Gagetown. Why? To play Broom-A-Loo, of course! The outcome of the traditional Officers vs Sergeants game was most surprising. The NCOs managed to squeak a narrow victory in spite of the fact that the officers had availed themselves of the service of an additional 14 stars who just happened to be PPCLI officers attending the Company Commander's Course. In retrospect, however, the outcome was a foregone conclusion. Doc "The Seive" Miles tended goal for the officers and his loyalties are still somewhat debatable.

Numerous firsts of another nature have been achieved by LCol G. D. Hunt in the past year. LCol Hunt who has long been renowned throughout the Regiment for his athletic prowess has added an impressive array of accomplishments to his most enviable record in Track and Field. In August 1975 as a member of the Canadian Team in the World Masters Championship he placed third in the 4 x 400m relay event. To be eligible for competition in the Masters category, competitors must be over 40 years of age. On 15 February 76 whilst participating in the Ontario Masters Indoor Championship he placed first in the 50m event during which he tied his own Canadian record. In the same meet he placed first in the 200m event setting a new Ontario indoor record. LCol Hunt's participation is by no means re-

stricted to the over 40 category, in fact in Open Class competition, i.e. 18 years of age and over, he continued to add to his accomplishments. On 12 June 76 in the Oromocto Open meet he placed first in the 200m event. On 15 June 76 during an open meet sponsored by HQ CTC he made a clean sweep securing first in the 100, 200 and 400m events.

Although our brothers in the Airborne Regiment don't care to admit it, they are not the only active parachutists in Canada. The Combat Arms School has been able to retain a continuation parachuting role, with a large number of participants found from within Infantry Department. The Regiment has once again been well re-

presented within this group. Col Cowling as the senior parachutist has ensured that these stalwarts have hurled their frail frames out of anything that flies whenever the opportunity presented itself.

At the time of writing reports have started to trickle in that these scratches are starting to appear again on the Trans Canada Highway. It should also be noted that there are an equal number of strips of rubber being laid by those who have received their postings "out West". To those that are leaving we wish good luck to them and their families. They should leave knowing that those of us who are staying consider it a distinct privilege to have been associated with them.

To those who are about to arrive, we say calm your fears. You will find your new appointment in Gagetown a demanding yet very rewarding experience. There are a great many Patricias here who look forward to renewing old friendships. The Regimental spirit remains strong in Gagetown and continues to thrive, it will do so just as surely as the Pope remains Catholic, and the sun continues to set over Shannon Coulee.

Although the storm was unable to dampen the spirit of the males, in deference to their ladies the formal dinner planned for the evening of the 17 March was postponed until the following night. As a result of a considerable amount of planning and hardwork by WO Jim Glendinning and Bill Miller the evening was a tremendous success, with all those attending enjoying a delicious meal served in a warm family atmosphere. Two most welcome guests who shared the festivities with us were Maj Bill Minnis CFLO Fort Benning and Maj Alex Morrison FMC HQ, both of whom were able to arrange visits to the Combat Arms School that just happened to coincide with our celebrations of the Regimental Day.

With the 17 March behind us it was once again back to the courses and a schedule that saw the instructional staff totally committed until the end of August. The opportunities to gather as a group were obviously limited but seized whenever possible.

A most welcome visit by MGen G. G. Brown on 13 July provided the next opportunity to gather. On this occasion Regimental Officers assembled for cocktails following a short ceremony during which hat badges were presented by MGen Brown to newly commissioned officers joining the Regiment. This gesture performed by such a distinguished member of the Regiment is an honour that they will obviously cherish for years to come.

The Regiment has long prided itself on Regimental "Firsts". In the past year Gagetown Patricias have been able to add to that already impressive record. 1976 saw WO Glendinning, an Armoured Defence instructor with this Department, qualify as the first Canadian NCO to qualify as a TOW instructor on a course conducted at the US Army Infantry Centre in Fort Benning, Georgia. During a weapons effects demonstration conducted during July 76 for the benefit of all officer cadets undergoing training at the Combat Arms School he fired the first live TOW missile in Canada. Needless to say, all were suitably impressed when he achieved a first round hit against a tank target at a range of approximately 3000 metres.



Group Photo Gagetown Patricias



WO Glendinning PPCLI with student Armour Defence Instructor

REGIMENTAL BAND

Since re-forming in 1952 the band has been in virtually all of the countries in which the Canadian Forces have had troops.

The band went to Japan and Korea during the hostilities there and spent several months entertaining Canadian and United Nations troops in the 25th brigade area.

On their return from the far East the band settled down to several years of garrison duty in Calgary. Their next posting was an extended tour of duty with the 27th brigade in Westphalia. For this tour, and as far as I know it is the only one, the bandsmen were accompanied by their families for the entire period. While in Germany, the band represented Canada and the Canadian Forces in the NATO countries throughout Europe. They also travelled to North Africa during this tour to entertain the Canadian troops on duty in Egypt.

Following their tour in Europe the band was posted to Edmonton for several years. During this time, they toured Alberta and the Northwest Territories extensively as well as several tours of the United States including a very memorable trip to California as guests of the United States Marine Corps. While staying at the U.S.M.C. Air Base at El Toro, the band led a parade through Disneyland in celebration of Mickey Mouse's 40th birthday. A real Mickey Mouse parade! After that parade, they moved up into the high desert East of Los Angeles to the base at 29 Palms. Here they took part in a tattoo which is still remembered and talked about by the Marine Corps personnel who saw the show. The band also took part in Canada's Centennial celebrations which saw members of the band travelling across Canada from coast to coast four times and being on the road for up to eight months.

Since 1969, the band has been to Europe and Cyprus on five tours of duty and has represented Canada in such things as the Nynmegen Four Days March and the NATO Tattoo at Kaiserslautern. While participating with bands of other NATO nations, some of which were able to put 150 men on parade, the PPCLI band was the only band present to receive a standing ovation.

The band probably had its largest audience ever when it took part in the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California last New Years Day. The parade, which stretches for eight miles, was rather hard on some of our members who had celebrated New Year's Eve. It was seen by an estimated 11 million people along the parade route and several hundred million people who watched it on television all over the world.

After the Rose Bowl Parade the band moved North to San Francisco to play the half-time show for the annual Shrine East-West All-Star game.

The band returned from California in January and immediately began preparation for a tour of duty with the 3rd Bn PPCLI in Cyprus. Everyone was looking forward to the "Sunny Mediterranean" in

February. We arrived there and had the dubious distinction of playing a concert for the Turkish Army who were unable to attend because of a heavy snowfall preventing their vehicles from getting through to the concert hall. It could only happen to a band from Alberta.

We moved to Calgary in 1968 and amalgamated with the Lord Strathcona's Horse (RC) band in Currie Barracks. This gave the band a strength of 74 and made it one of the largest bands in the Canadian Forces. Since that time, changes in band policy and structure has reduced the band to its present strength of 33.

This week we say our farewells to WO Doug Russell who is posted to the Canadian Forces School of Music in Esquimalt on a one year's course. Doug is rather unique in the Canadian Forces in that he enlisted in the PPCLI Band in 1952 and has served his entire career in this band. Only two other people I know of have done that. They are WO Bill Smith and Sgt Al Irwin both of whom recently retired. These three men formed what was virtually our last link with the band as it was in "the old days" of the Korean era.

An interesting vignette involving these three men is that they all served in Korea during the fighting there. They served the required period of time and were granted the medals for it. A few years later when they applied for benefits under the Veterans Land Act, they were told that, on paper, the unit had never left Canada. A member of parliament went to bat for them and was told that to enable them to get V.L.A. benefits the army would have to change the Order of Battle for the Canadian Army and that would be too expensive! An interesting legal problem could have arisen if one of them had been killed over there

To parody a popular song, "That CRA is Breaking Up That Old Gang of Mine". In the first half of this year, we have lost twelve good men to postings and release. Struck off strength have been CWO Peter Murray, MWO Nick DeVries, WO Cal Muirhead, WO Doug Russell, WO Don Singlehurst, Sgt Bill Belenky, Sgt Al Irwin, Sgt Art Maier, Sgt Terry Slymon, Sgt Marty VanDer Weerd and Cpl Con Marra. This group of men, all of whom were very important and critical members of the PPCLI Band represent more than 25 percent of the unit.

I could sit here for hours recounting anecdotes about all of these men. They were all characters, of one sort and another, within the band, and they are sorely missed, both as personalities and as first class musicians. We will probably not see their like again. They represent almost three centuries of service. These are the kind of people who cannot be replaced overnight.

We bring this segment of the band news to a close now. The band is now on annual leave with its members scattered over two continents. Hopefully we will see them all in September.



CANADIAN AIRBORNE CENTRE

The PPCLI support within our unit represents approximately 20% of our staff who are employed in the numerous roles of the Canadian Airborne Centre. Few seem to realize how diversified our staff are and the numerous areas of responsibility involved, for example, the unit teaches no less than nine different courses in the airborne, air-mobile and air delivery systems of our Forces. In addition to this, support is also lent to our Trials and Evaluation Section and the Canadian Forces Parachute Team, the "Skyhawks". Needless to say, our members have to be endowed with a greatly diversified ability in knowledge and skills in order to carry out the requirements of this unit in order to maintain the high standards of our Airborne Force.

Sergeant Simon Wykeham-Martin of Canadian Forces Base Edmonton's Canadian Airborne Centre surrounded by medals, trophies and awards he has won in National, International and World Parachuting Championships. He is one of ten sportsmen recently inducted into the Canadian Forces Sports Hall of Fame at National Defence Headquarters. His achievements include gold, silver and bronze medals and in addition he is co-holder of a world record in accuracy for the 1500 metre accuracy jump established in 1962. Sgt Wykeham-Martin lives at 11720-148 Ave., Edmonton.



Top Row (L-R):

*Sgt Terry Smith, MCpl Bruce Topham, Sgt Tom Holland,
MCpl Scully, Sgt Bill Bolen*

Bottom Row (L-R):

*WO Ron Peskett, Sgt Jerry Franc, RSM CWO Bert Rajotte,
Sgt Rick Hardy, Sgt Pete Vallee*

Missing from the photo:

Sgt Harb, Cpl Askeland and Sgt Wykeham-Martin



Sgt. Wykeham-Martin with medals and trophies he has been awarded.

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REGIMENTAL SGT MAJOR

WO1 P. Shields

The latter part of the training during 1974 ended with the Corps being honoured by a visit of the Colonel of the Regiment Major General C. B. Ware who inspected the Corps and during the evening presented the Royal Military College Club of Canada trophy, won for the fourth time, to the Corps Rifle Team. General Ware also presented the Canadian Decoration to Capt R. C. Watt and a commission scroll to Lt J. B. Hicke.

January 1975 - training progressed in the usual manner with outdoor exercises at Mary Hill, Albert Head and at the Corps' leased land, Lot 62, Sooke. Emphasis was on map, compass, bivouac and rappelling training.

WO1 Keith Shields completed the maximum term as a cadet on reaching the age of 19 and his brother WO1 Paul Shields took over as RSM of the Corps. Paul incidentally is the third brother to become RSM of this Cadet Corps, and in the opinion of all training officers the three Shield brothers have been very capable and well above average cadets.

The Rifle Team again excelled in their field, winning many trophies, chiefly, for an unprecedented 5 years succession the:

Royal Military College Club of Canada Trophy
Winter Series DCRA and

The Strathcona Trust, BC Tri-Service Trophy.

WO2 D. Cain was the winner of the gold watch in the Strathcona Trust competition.

The Rifle Team took part in the BC Provincial Small Bore competition and won first place for the third consecutive year. The team proceeded to Winnipeg to shoot off for the Canadian National Small Bore competition and were successful in placing first. Team members in this event were: Cadets J. Raine, B. Turner, D. Cain, T. Chan, K. Shields, T. McDowell, I. Whitehead, and P. Bramhill.

The trophy for the Canadian Small Bore Champions 1975 was presented to the team by the Lt Governor of Manitoba. The Corps is proud to hold these trophies in recognition of remarkably consistent shooting over the past five years.

In connection with musketry, the two cadet candidates for the Rifle Coach course 1975, Cadet WO2 Cain and Cadet P. Bramhill placed on the Canadian Army Cadet Bisley team for 1976.

The Corps was extremely pleased to have Maj General Ware as reviewing officer during the Corps annual inspection on 11 May 1975, and also to have Capt V. D. Cole, Regimental Adjutant, attend. On the annual inspection the following awards were made:

Brig W. G. Colquhoun Trophy
(Most Proficient Cadet of Year) to WO1 K. Shields

Most Proficient Bandsman	to Sgt S. Packiewicz
PPCLI Victoria Branch Association	
(Most Outstanding Cadet)	to WO2 D. Cain
Vern Cole Trophy	
(Most Improved Cadet)	to Cdt D. Chalmers
Robert Walker Trophy	
(Most Proficient Musketry)	to WO2 D. Cain
Lt A. C. Thody Memorial Trophy	
(Most Proficient First Aid)	to WO2 P. Shields
Wiswell Silver Plate	
(Most Improved Heavy Bore Shooter)	to Sgt B. Turner
Wiswell Memorial Trophy	
(Best Turned Out Cadet in Year)	to Cpl R. Chan
Confederated Life Trophy	to WO2 J. Raine

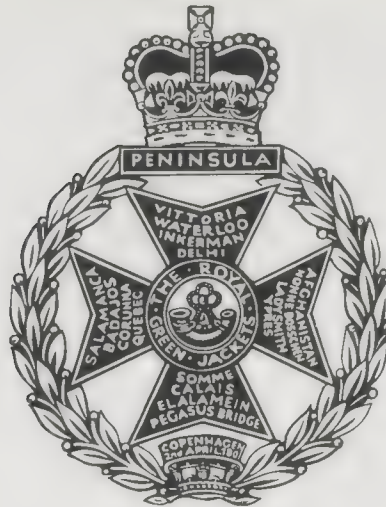
Although four Cadets were selected to be tested as master cadets, due to the National Small Bore shoot in Winnipeg and one member attending Keremeos Outward Bound Course, only one cadet, Cadet WO1 P. Shields, was tested, and as a result he was selected for the Canadian-Germany exchange. The Corps is most appreciative for the donation from the Hamilton Gault Memorial fund to Paul Shields to assist him during his summer visit to Germany.

At recommencement of training September 1975 the first official event of importance was the presentation by the Lt Governor of BC, the Honourable W. Owens, of the Duke of Edinburgh Award trophies. A gold award pin was presented to WO1 P. Shields, 15 Silver pins and 11 Bronze pins were awarded to other cadets of this corps.

Training to December 1975 has progressed favourably with an average strength of the Corps of 55 Cadets. During October an exercise was held at Lot 62 Sooke and again in November an exercise at Albert Head Military Camp - very wet but well attended by cadets. During the Albert Head exercise the cadets had an opportunity to familiarize themselves with and also drive the APC at Mary Hill. Thanks to Cpl Isbister and his instructors of 3Bn PPCLI this demonstration was of extreme interest to cadets. November 1, 1975 Lt R. (Bob) Lekivetz joined this Corps as an instructor replacing Lt B. S. Hoon who was required to relinquish his appointment due to University of Victoria commitments. December 1975, a change of command, Capt R. C. Watt, after approximately 15 years of Cadet work, twelve of those as Commanding Officer, relinquished command to Lt J. B. Hicke.

In conclusion the Commanding Officer, Officers and Cadets of this Corps wish to express sincere appreciation to WO J. Buchan, 3 Bn PPCLI and 3 Bn PPCLI (Sponsoring Unit) and the Regiment for continued assistance during this training period.

THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS



VISIT of THE COLONEL-in-CHIEF

The Regiment was honoured on Friday 18th July 1975 by a visit by HM The Queen, our Colonel-in Chief. The 1st Battalion, who are stationed at Connaught Barracks, Dover, were chosen to act as hosts on behalf of the Regiment, although arrangements were made to ensure that individuals from all battalions and The Rifle Depot took part in the programme, met the Colonel-in-Chief, and lunched with her. The programme for the Colonel-in-Chief included a Guard of Honour on arrival. This was followed by a tattoo, with a spoken and musical commentary illustrating the history of the Royal Green Jackets, and the predecessor Regiments from whom the Royal Green Jackets are descended.

Tableaux included scenes depicting the wars in North America in the late 18th century, Sir John Moore at Shorncliffe, the Kashmir Gate at Delhi, the Boer War, the 1st World War, Calais 1940, Indonesia 1964/65, and Northern Ireland. A party from the 2nd/2nd Gurkhas took part in the tableau relating to the Kashmir Gate.

After the Tattoo Her Majesty lunched with a mixed party of Regimental Representatives, made up from all ranks from Colonels Commandant to Riflemen, accompanied by their wives.

After lunch the Colonel-in-Chief visited the Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Mess and saw a static display by the 4th (Volunteer) Battalion. The visit ended with a "walk-about", during which Her Majesty met many junior ranks and their families.

The visit was a most successful and happy family occasion. The Tattoo and the mixed lunch for all ranks and their wives, were innovations which made their special mark on the occasion. The programme was directed towards the maximum number of junior ranks, and their families, being able to meet the Colonel-in-Chief personally.

All our Allied and Affiliated Regiments were invited to be represented on this occasion, and the Regiment entertained a limited number of VIP guests. Former members of the Regiment were welcomed as spectators.

NEWS FROM THE BATTALIONS and THE RIFLE DEPOT

The 1st Battalion were in Northern Ireland from the end of the year until April 75. They had a very active tour, and the so called "cease fire" was more evident in the English Newspapers than it was in Northern Ireland.

On return to their permanent station at Dover 'B' Company left for Guyana for five weeks jungle training, 'C' Company spent three weeks in Denmark and a company of Danish Life Guards spent an exchange visit in Dover with the rest of the battalion.

July saw the battalion acting as hosts for the Regiment to the Colonel-in-Chief. This great event is described in detail at the beginning of these notes.

Periods on duty as Spearhead and leave followed, and now the battalion is preparing for a tour of public duties in London which will include mounting the guard at Buckingham Palace. A varied year!

The 2nd Battalion also start their news with a tour in Northern Ireland from November 74 to February 75. They also had an active tour and at least their share of incidents and successes, of comedy and near and actual tragedy, although fortunately no fatal casualties were incurred.

After the battalion's return to Catterick, there was a period of block leave, Spearhead once again followed by preparations for the scheduled move to Gibraltar. The battalion moved in July, and entered a new world of social activity, ceremonial, making faces at Spanish Guards, and apes and sweet white wine, if no peacocks. All this offers a pleasant change, and the only real snag at present is a shortage of married quarters.

The 3rd Battalion left Northern Ireland at the end of October 1974 and immediately prepared for the move to Berlin, which was completed in early 1975. The Battalion occupies Wavell Barracks.

Routine in Berlin revolves around ceremonial duties, practises of "General Stand to", some rather restricted training, and social and sporting activities.

The Battalion has had considerable success in shooting, cricket and boxing.

Twice a year battalions in Berlin leave the city for training in other parts of Germany. In July the 3rd Battalion went to Soltau and Sennelager for sub-unit training. In September a very interesting exercise took place, involving an amphibious assault landing from a German Navy Task Force, followed by a Dunkirk type withdrawal across the beaches, supported by helicopters and fighter aircraft. The exercise ended with the Battalion being flown back to Berlin, as a practice for reinforcement of the city under emergency conditions.

The 4th (Volunteer) Battalion The year 1975 has been one of growth for the 4th Battalion, who have taken over two more Drill Halls, enabling the battalion to expand and reorganize. There is now a new Company ("G") in London, and an Airportable Company at Aylesbury and Bletchley.

Events during the year have included field firing on Salisbury Plain, the T & AVR parade in Hyde Park before Her Majesty the Queen Mother and a very successful entry in the London and South East District Rifle Meeting, culminating in the battalion achieving the title of Major Unit Champions. Success at Bisley included winning the T & AVR Jubilee Cup and Home Guard Cup. Annual Camp was held at Otterburn and the battalion took part in a nation wide mobilization exercise in October.

The Rifle Depot has also had a hectic 1975. The Junior Rifle-men's Shooting Team all but swept the board at the small arms meeting in South East District and Bisley. The Depot Basket Ball Team won the Minor Unit Championship and defeated the winners of the Major Units competition.

Unemployment in civilian life has led to a 50% rise in the intake of Junior Riflemen, a welcome boost to recruiting.

"A VISIT TO CANADA"

General Sir Antony Read

In April 1975, I went to Canada, wearing my hat as Chairman of the Army Cadet Force Association to speak at the annual conference of the Canadian Army Cadet League in Ottawa. They were prepared to fly me over by service aircraft. With great kindness, they asked me if there was anywhere else I would like to visit. Whilst I had been in Canada several times before, I had never been to the West Coast, and so with some trepidation I suggested I should go there and visit the battalion of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry that was stationed in those parts. To my great delight this worked. Gen. Cammy Ware, Colonel of the Patricias, did his stuff, and made official the invitation to visit the affiliated regiment. So when I arrived in Ottawa I found the whole Royal Green Jacket affiliated net had been alerted. I did do a lot of cadet business in Canada, but that I have written about for cadets. This brief contribution is to exemplify the strength of the regimental affiliations, how much it means to the Canadians and to us, and how we must never let these invisible bonds weaken despite the machinations of politicians on both sides of the Atlantic.

My Canadian cadet contact met me on my arrival in Ottawa, and handed me a brief which showed that he had done a great deal of

research on R.G.J. affiliations. He had planned for me to meet representatives of every regiment, but he was having trouble with the Queen's Own Rifles, due to distance, and other engagements, but he had fixed for a colonel, still serving in Toronto, to come up for dinner that night! He had made arrangements for R.G.J. contacts throughout my trip. And so it turned out. En route for Vancouver, we stopped to refuel at the Canadian Forces airport at Winnipeg where the 2nd Battalion of the Patricias is stationed. I had been sitting in the aircraft next to the Director of the Canadian Forces Dental Service. As we taxied to the administrative building, he said to me "Stick close to me because I think I know where we can get a drink here". I replied that I thought that he would do better if he stuck close to me, because the Patricias were in Winnipeg, and I was pretty sure we would be looked after. And sure enough, as we went down the steps, there was Bob Stewart and his second in command from the Patricias to meet me and lead me (and the head dentist) straight to the bar. In Vancouver, I stayed with Ted Eakins, who had served in Italy in Douglas Darling's battalion of the Rifle Brigade. We went to Victoria, and in company with Cammy Ware, who lives there, drove out to see and have lunch with the 3rd Battalion of the Patricias, who were on an exercise. We lunched in the field, silver candelabra on the table, and one of the company commanders, tucking into an excellent meal said to me "I am glad you have come — otherwise I should have been eating a boloney sandwich in a ditch". The following night Ted Eakins took me on drill night in Vancouver with the British Columbia Regiment, where I met all the officers and members of the Sergeants' Mess. I then flew to Calgary and spent two nights with the 1st Battalion of the Patricias — with whom Lance Ruck Keene is serving as exchange officer. We had a memorable dinner party in their Mess, with all wives present and a big reception the following night with Gen. Bill Howard, a prominent Alberta lawyer, and a great figure in the cadet world. Sadly the honorary colonel of the Regina Rifles was prevented from coming, and they were the only regiment I did not contact. (I hope this is an accurate statement, but I met so many people in such a short time that my memory has become a little blurred.) Refuelling again at Winnipeg on my way west the next day, I found my way to the bar unaided, but as I went in I was met by Scott, who commands the Royal Winnipeg Rifles, who proceeded to look after me in a rifleman-like manner. Two nights later in Ottawa, Senator Guy Motgat, honorary Colonel of the Winnipeg Rifles, gave a sumptuous dinner party, and there, among his guests were the honorary Colonel and the honorary Lieut.-Colonel of the Brockville Rifles.

It was a great experience — and, of course, what stands out in one's mind is the distance these kind people were prepared to travel, and the trouble they were prepared to take, to make a regimental contact with me. It demonstrated most forcibly to me, once again, the great strength of these regimental ties, and how much it is to everybody's advantage to do all we can to make them stronger, and how we must defy any efforts that may be made to weaken them.

As a poor thank you when I left, I sent the following signal to the honorary Colonels of all the Affiliated Regiments:

PERSONAL FROM GEN. SIR ANTONY READ
IN MY SHORT TRIP TO CANADA I HAVE MADE CONTACT WITH
NEARLY ALL ROYAL GREEN JACKET AFFILIATED REGIMENTS.
IT HAS BEEN A GREAT EXPERIENCE AND PLEASURE FOR ME TO
MEET SO MANY FRIENDS, REINFORCE THE ROYAL GREEN
JACKET FAMILY TIES AND TO FIND THAT THE REGIMENTAL
HEARTS ARE BEATING MORE STRONGLY THAN EVER. GOOD
FORTUNE TO YOU ALL AND THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR MANY
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been my honour and privilege to have served as your President since August of 1974, a total period of one year and seven months. This, of course, came about because there was no Annual General Meeting in 1975. The decision not to hold a meeting was based on the fact that only 19 months were to separate the 1974 and 1976 meetings.

Your General Committee met in Victoria, in August of 1975. The results of that meeting were embodied in the minutes which were read by the Secretary Treasurer a few minutes ago.

One of our most pressing problems concerns the "Patrician", and its continuing loss of readers. This of course causes a strain on the means of financing the publication and the inevitability of its final demise. There is a need for some action to be taken now to prevent the loss of the "Patrician".

This association, at its Annual General Meetings, has continuously voiced its support for the annual journal. It is recorded in the minutes of quite a number of meetings that the members were deeply concerned that "The Patrician" was in financial difficulty and, because of this, may have to cease publication. However, five of our ten Branches have seen fit to drop the annual journal from their membership dues. On talking to some of these members, I find that the biggest complaint, is the lack of material that is of interest to World War I and II Veterans.

The Regimental Executive Committee has subjected the journal to an in-depth study and will be making a proposal to us later in this meeting.

Later in the meeting you will be introduced to the results of a Ways and Means Sub-Committee which met in Ottawa last December. This meeting, chaired by General de Lalanne, consisted of two Association Members and two officers from the serving Battalions. Our Secretary Treasurer was the recording secretary for this Sub-Committee.

Again, much thought and effort went into this meeting, and some far-reaching proposals will be placed before you for your consideration.

Finally you will be requested to consider a further enlargement of the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund. A subsidiary resolution has been attached to the Fund which embodies the Korean Student Bursary Account. Now, we wish to attach a second subsidiary resolution to create a Museum Committee and a Museum Account. You will realize later, the financial benefit that can be derived from contributing to this account.

This then is the summary of the business before us. The details of which will unfold as we proceed through the agenda.

I would like to extend my personal thanks, and the thanks of all members of the Association, to Colonel and Mrs Stone for representing the Regiment at the dedication and unveiling of a Canadian Memorial at Kapyong, Korea. There are a great many of us here today, who will wish that they could have been present on the 7th of November, 1975. However, no one could better represent us than the Commanding Officer at Kapyong, "Big Jim" Stone and his charming wife. There are no adequate words to express our thanks to All Ranks of Second Battalion, for their performance during this historic and memorable week-end. Due honor is being paid to the veterans of Kapyong; due respect is being paid to the memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice at Kapyong; we have been afforded the opportunity to hold this meeting and a re-union of all Patricias; we have witnessed a flawless Military Tattoo and undoubtedly will see just as flawless a Trooping Ceremony this afternoon. What more can be said. Through Colonel Stewart we extend a monstrous thanks for the tremendous efforts that have gone into Kapyong '76.

In closing, I must say, my one and only regret of this entire week-end, is that one of Canada's finest soldiers, our Colonel of the Regiment, General Ware, through health reasons, is unable to be with us. However, I'm sure that Cammy's thoughts are with us. I think it only proper that an appropriate letter be sent to General Ware from this meeting.

Note:

The above report was presented by Mr E. J. Dodd CD. at the General Meeting held at Kapyong Barracks, Winnipeg, 26 March 1976.

TORONTO BRANCH

1975 was another quiet year for the Toronto Branch. I think you have covered most of our activities by printing extracts from the occasional Toronto Branch news letters in The Regimental Newsletters. The only item not mentioned was the Annual Dinner. This was arranged by Col Phil Roy and was held in the Canadian Forces Staff College Officers' Mess. I am sure that everyone enjoyed themselves. We had a fabulous dinner of course. The number attending was not large but this made it all the more intimate and conducive to friendly banter and spinning yarns. We had a very interesting talk from Major Barry Winfield on, "The Regiment in The Regular Force". Several Patricias attending Staff College were with us so there was a good mixture of 1st, 2nd WW and Regular Force people and all were keenly interested in each others exploits. It was felt that each one could identify with the other and with the group so that in the end we were all just Patricias and were with Dave Pearce when he tried to buy woofs (eggs) in Courcellette and ended up with the whole chicken; in Paris on leave in 1917 with Pat Patterson; struggling up a mountain side in southern Italy to reach a cantina with Red Fulton and serving with the Peace Keeping Forces or Adventure Training Exercises with the Regular Force. Most of the credit must go to Col Roy who not only ensured an ample supply of good wines but by his own friendly nature that is so relaxed and relaxing. As Red Fulton, a crusty Vet of WWII vintage who lost a leg and an eye in Italy, remarked, "With officers like Wingate (Winfield) The Regiment is in pretty good hands."

That was the last get-together we had in 1975 although we attempted to organize on several occasions. Mail strikes and lack of response curtailed our activities. We will be having an Annual Dinner this May 8th and the outcome of that will give us a pretty good idea of our future.

I am sorry for the delay in submitting this knowing that it is well past your dead-line. I know that your other sources are much more productive and interesting and this is reflected in the finished product - your News Letters and the Patrician.

Please convey greetings and sincere best wishes from Toronto to all Patricias everywhere and especially to those still serving.

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Ray W. Stephens; John Slimkovich.

EDMONTON BRANCH

Our membership voted to hold two meetings a year — the annual meeting on the 17th March and the last Tuesday in October to arrange for Remembrance Day activities.

In addition, a special meeting will be called at the request of the membership.

At the 17th March meeting the following were elected:

Wally Mills - President
Paul Robison - Vice President
Dane La Rose - Secretary-Treasurer
Joe Dunn - Past President

VANCOUVER BRANCH, 1975

The Annual General Meeting of Members was held on Sunday, February 16th in the Sergeant's Mess, Jericho. Gordon E. Henderson was re-elected President, Mel Parsons, Vice-President and Frank Norris, Secretary-Treasurer. Del Harrison, Joe Stutt, Bill Lewis, Barney Suais, Corny Pyne, Stan Chicovsky, John Dyck, George Upton and Ed Wyman were elected to the Executive Committee.

In recognition of his long service with the Regiment, Association and Vancouver Branch, Lt Col Reg Clarke was elected Honorary President of the Branch.

The annual dinner was held on March 17th with sixty-two members present. The guest of honour was the Colonel of the Regiment, Major General Cam Ware who gave an inspiring address on the Regiment and the Association.

A small informal party was held on November 15th; a postal strike affecting the turn-out.

The members of Branch were delighted when George Upton was one of two selected to represent the Regiment at the commemorative ceremonies in Italy.

IN MEMORIAM

"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them."

460441	Anderson WN	at Winnipeg, Man, 6 Aug 75, TOS 10 Jun 1916 SOS 12 Apr 1917
M63710	Barnes WJ	at Rocky Mountain House, Alta, 19 Nov 75
1552	Bastedo WE	at Toronto, Ont. 17 Feb 76, TOS 20 Jan 1916 SOS 3 Mar 1917.
471024	Bennett MC	Ottawa Branch, 17 May 74, TOS 28 Jul 1915 SOS 23 Nov 75.
246083	Black EB	Ottawa Branch, 4 Aug 74, TOS 4 Nov 1917 SOS 20 Mar 1919.
H17459	Brautigam EG	at Winnipeg, 24 May 76, TOS 27 Feb 1942 SOS 31 Jul 45.
769475	Bryan JH	Ottawa Branch, 9 Jan 75, TOS 14 Jan 1914 SOS 16 Jul 1915.
411170	Carey HC	at Vancouver, B.C. 20 May 75, TOS 10 Jul 1915 SOS 10 Jun 1916.
708001838	Chabott PC	at Wainwright, Alta. Nov 75, serving with 3 PPCLI
	Currie GS	at Montreal, Que. 12 Aug 75, TOS 17 Oct 1915 SOS 19 June 1919.
608500013	Crawford KC	Cyprus 20 Dec 1975, serving with 3 PPCLI Medical Officer.
411016	Dickson NA	at Guelph, Ont. 25 Jan 76, TOS 28 July 1916 SOS 24 Feb. 1919.
108	Dobson RM	at Tokyo, Japan, 8 Mar 75, TOS 1 Sep 1915 SOS 10 Jul 1918.
108834664	Donald GS	at Winnipeg, Man. 24 July 75, served with 3 PPCLI
246109	Duggan JE	Ottawa Branch, TOS 3 Mar 1918 SOS 20 Mar 1919.
SB2618	Dymond SL	at Toronto, Ont. 30 Mar 75, served 1 & 2 PPCLI Retired 1965.
475317	Fidlar DG	at Regina, Sask. 4 Dec 74, TOS 7 Apr 1916 SOS 4 May, 1916.
475844	Finlayson JK	Ottawa Branch, 7 Jan 76, TOS 9 Feb 1916 SOS 1 Jul 1916.
434283	Forrest RA	Ottawa Branch, TOS 7 Apr 1916 SOS 20 Mar 1919.
P 21330	Hall F.	at Victoria, B.C., 5 May 75, TOS 31 Aug 1934 TOS 1 Sep 1939, SOS 9 June 1945.
475870	Hall GJ	at Toronto, Ont. 10 Mar 76, TOS 21 Jan 1915 SOS 2 Jun 1916.
1771	Harvie GH	at Victoria, B.C., 31 Jan 76, TOS Aug 1914 SOS 24 Feb 1919.
	Hill AE	at Calgary, Alta. 30 Oct 75, Served 1 & 2 PPCLI Retired 1975.
261600	Jackson EG	at Winnipeg, Man. 3 Mar 76, TOS 3 Apr 1917 SOS 20 Mar 1919.
246189	James CHJ	Ottawa Branch, 4 Feb 75, TOS 12 Dec 1917 SOS 20 Mar 1919.
157606	Johnston GK	at North Bay, Ont. 15 Mar 76, TOS 9 June 1916 SOS 20 Mar 1919

1042392	MacLeod NJ	Ottawa Branch, 8 May 75, TOS 28 Jan 1918 SOS 20 Mar 1919.
475929	MacPhail DC	at Uxbridge, Ont. 4 Nov 75, TOS 9 Feb 1916 SOS 17 Jun 1916.
51364	Neller J	England, 11 Mar 75, TOS 21 Mar 1915, SOS 1 Mar 1919.
233	Nesbit HA	Ottawa Branch, 22 Mar 74, TOS 1 Sep 1915, SOS 20 Mar 1919.
	Oakley CF	at Fort McMurray, Alta. 20 Dec 75, served 2 PPCLI Retired.
L 155590	Pankoski E	at Melville, Sask. 13 Jan 76, TOS 20 Feb 1945 SOS 8 June 1945
713683274	Porter WF	at Princeton, B.C., 27 Apr 76, served with 3 PPCLI
	Presenszki JC	at Wainwright, Alta. 17 Sep 76, serving with 3 PPCLI
126	Rickaby HG	at Oakville, Ont. 9 Oct 75, TOS 1 Sep 1915 SOS 30 Aug 1918.
H 17185	Reilly AE	at Neepawa, Man. 21 June 76, TOS 21 Dec. 1940 SOS 25 Sep 1945.
H 16509	Robson H	at Calgary, Alta. 12 Apr 76, TOS 16 Dec 1939, SOS 13 Nov 1940.
	Stevens GR	at Montreal, Que. 20 Sep 75, TOS 1 Sep 1915 SOS 20 Mar 1919.
460383	Stirling W	at Montreal, Que. 13 Nov 75, TOS 21 Jan 1916 SOS 2 Jun 1916.
SL 110776	Smith RW	at Calgary, Alta. 30 Jun 75, served 1 PPCLI Regimental Depot, Retired.
790	Smith E	at Winnipeg, Man. 6 May 75, TOS Aug 1914 SOS 22 Mar 1915.
447562	Spencer EW	at Drumheller, Alta. 17 Jan 76, TOS 10 June 1916 SOS 20 Mar 1919.
411014	Steele JA	Ottawa Branch, 2 Sep 75, TOS 28 Jul 1915 SOS 20 Mar 1919.
639803	Shea WE	Ottawa Branch, 17 Jul 76, TOS 5 Mar 1918 SOS 20 Mar 1919.
	Surtees RL	at Regina, Sask. 11 May 75, 1 Cdn Para Bn, World War II 1, 2, & 3, BN PPCLI, Retired.
476044	Stone TW	at Toronto, Ont. 20 Oct 74, TOS 6 Dec 1915 SOS 18 Sep 1916.



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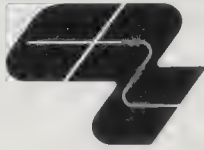
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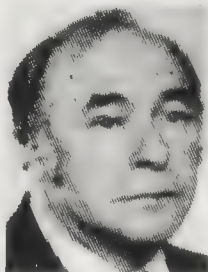
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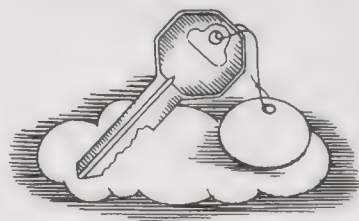
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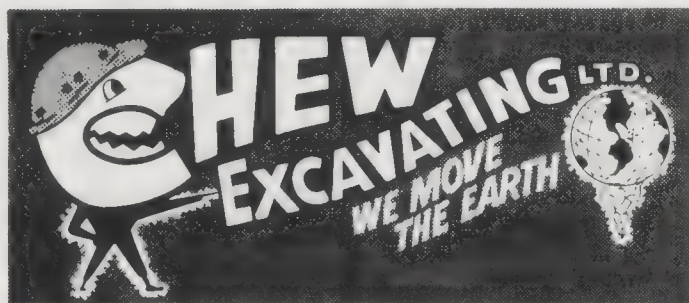


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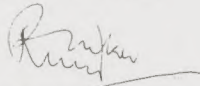
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